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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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NASHVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 7, 2010, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended John Jay Hooker, of Nashville, Tennessee, for thirty (30) days. The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Hooker pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. After a hearing, a Hearing Panel determined that Mr. Hooker had filed frivolous litigation and made statements with reckless disregard of their truth or falsity concerning judges. The Hearing Panel's Judgment recommended Mr. Hooker be publicly censured. Both the Board of Professional Responsibility and Mr. Hooker appealed the Hearing Panel's Judgment. A special Judge appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court heard the appeal and entered an Order suspending Mr. Hooker for thirty (30) days. Mr. Hooker appealed to the Tennessee Supreme Court. By Order filed January 7, 2010, the Supreme Court dismissed Mr. Hooker's appeal based upon his failure to file an appeal bond or pay the litigation tax within the extended time allowed. The Supreme Court then entered an Order suspending Mr. Hooker for thirty (30) days.

Mr. Hooker's actions violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 3.1 (meritorious claims); 8.2 (prohibition against false statements concerning the qualifications and integrity of a Judge); and 8.4 (misconduct). Mr. Hooker is ordered to pay the Board's costs and must comply with Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court regarding obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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