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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES T. ALLISON, BPR# 8483
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MEMPHIS LAWYER SUSPENDED

On May 14, 2009, James T. Allison of Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of sixty (60) days pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Allison violated disciplinary rules by overdrawing his attorney trust account and commingling personal and operating funds within his trust account. Mr. Allison paid personal and operating expenses from his trust account and failed to keep adequate trust account records. Mr. Allison also failed to timely respond to the inquiries of the Board of Professional Responsibility. Mr. Allison's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (Competence) and 8.1 (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters).

Mr. Allison was furthered ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.7, of the Rules of the Supreme Court and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, §18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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