BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

<u>**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**</u>
<u>**RE: FRED T. HANZELIK, BPR #4773**</u>
<u>**CONTACT: SANDY GARRETT**</u>
<u>**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**</u>
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October 1, 2012

<u>CHATTANOOGA LAWYER SUSPENDED</u>

On September 27, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court entered a Judgment affirming the Hamilton County Chancery Court and affirming a forty-five day suspension for Fred T. Hanzelik originally imposed by a Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline and Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Mr. Hanzelik for attempting to bill a client twice for the same legal service, failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client, failing to adequately communicate with a client, charging an unreasonable fee, and failing to respond to inquiries from the Board of Professional Responsibility. On June 11, 2010, a Hearing Panel entered a judgment finding Mr. Hanzelik violated the Rules of Professional Conduct and recommending Mr. Hanzelik be suspended for forty-five days. Mr. Hanzelik appealed the Hearing Panel Judgment and the Chancery Court for Hamilton County affirmed the Hearing Panel's Judgment. The Board appealed the Chancery Court's Order and by Judgment filed September 27, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court affirmed the Chancery Court and the Hearing Panel's imposition of a forty-five day suspension for Mr. Hanzelik. Mr. Hanzelik's actions violate Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5 (fees); 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 3.2 (expediting litigation); 8.1 (disciplinary matters).

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