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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES L. BEACH, NO. 13522
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LENOIR CITY LAWYER DISBARRED

Charles L. Beach, a Lenoir City lawyer, was disbarred by Order of the Supreme Court entered December 8, 2000.

Beach was summarily suspended from the practice of law on January 7, 1999, pursuant to Section 14 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, following his guilty plea in Anderson County Criminal Court to seven Class A Misdemeanors of intentionally and knowingly removing, concealing and impairing the availability of seven criminal warrants in the Anderson County General Sessions Court until such documents were found in his desk. A hearing was conducted before a Hearing Panel of the Board. Beach did not appear. The Hearing Panel recommended that Beach be disbarred and Beach filed Motions to Reconsider. The Hearing Panel found that Beach's conduct in committing the crimes violated rules prohibiting a lawyer from engaging in illegal conduct involving moral turpitude, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice, adversely reflecting on Beach's fitness to practice law and that Beach should be disbarred. Beach appealed to the Circuit Court for Loudon County where a hearing was conducted. The Circuit Court found that Beach's conduct was in violation of those same disciplinary rules and that the sanction of disbarment was properly imposed.

Beach is required to notify by registered or certified mail all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as all co-counsel and opposing counsel, of the Supreme Court's Order disbarring him. He is also required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled, and further prohibited from maintaining a presence where the practice of law is conducted, and required to remove and refrain from use of any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, law clerk, or similar title.

A disbarred lawyer may not apply for reinstatement until the expiration of at least five years from the effective date of the disbarment. The disbarment Order shall remain in effect until an order or reinstatement is issued by the Supreme Court of Tennessee, upon showing by clear and convincing evidence that his reinstatement to the practice of law would in no way be detrimental to the public interest.