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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WALTER RAY CULP, BPR#17727
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FRANKLIN LAWYER SUSPENDED

Walter Ray Culp, a Franklin lawyer, was summarily suspended from the practice of law by the Tennessee Supreme Court on April 3, 2006. Mr. Culp pled guilty to a serious crime, i.e., the offense of extortion, on February 14, 2006.

Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Culp to notify by registered or certified mail all clients being represented in pending matters; all co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending him. Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 also requires Mr. Culp to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled. Mr. Culp is 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.

The Court further ordered that this matter be referred to the Board of Professional Responsibility for institution of a formal proceeding in which the sole issue to be determined shall be the extent of the final discipline to be imposed as a result of Mr. Culp's guilty plea.

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