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FRANKLIN, MAURICE E.

BPR # 008433

February 29, 1988

County: Shelby

District: 9

Disbarred by order entered February 29, 1988. He failed to answer or appear before the hearing panel and, as a result, the hearing panel was unable to find any mitigating circumstances. The hearing panel found, inter alia, that he was not using funds received and deposited in his real estate escrow account for the purpose for which they were entrusted; forged an endorsement on a check in the amount of \$35,575.41 which was to have been used to pay off a mortgage indebtedness; failed to deliver other funds entrusted to him which caused injury to his client; failed to act on behalf of clients after he accepted their cases and payments; and refused to return property to clients or communicate with them. Also, in a 1985 petition, the Chancery Court of Shelby County found that he was guilty of gross negligence and incompetence; guilty of intentional misconduct; and guilty of a course of conduct involving fraud, incompetence, dishonest dealing and failing to meet the standards required of attorneys in Tennessee.



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