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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On May 24, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Peter M. Napolitano from the practice of law for a period of five (5) years, with probation after a period of one (1) year, conditioned upon payment of \$7,500.00 restitution to a client and payment to the Board for all costs in the disciplinary proceeding. In addition, the Court conditioned any reinstatement of Mr. Napolitano to the practice of law after the one (1) year active suspension period upon the appointment of a practice monitor pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.9 (2016) to supervise compliance with trust accounting rules and accounting procedures. Finally, the Court required Mr. Napolitano to perform one hundred (100) hours of public service work for each year of his probation. The Court affirmed the decision of the hearing panel, finding Mr. Napolitano misappropriated his client's money, failed to maintain disputed funds in his trust account, and testified falsely under oath on three occasions. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.6 (2006), the suspension is effective June 3, 2017.

Mr. Napolitano's conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional conduct 1.15(a), (b) and (c) (2003); 1.15(a), (d) and (e) (2011) and 8.4(c) (2012).

Mr. Napolitano must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.