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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ANDY LAMAR ALLMAN, BPR #017846
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SUMNER COUNTY LAWYER HELD IN CONTEMPT

By order entered October 23, 2018, the Supreme Court adopted the report of a Special Master and held Andy Lamar Allman in criminal contempt and sentenced him to serve twenty (20) days in jail and pay a fine of \$100.00.

The Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") filed a Second Amended Petition for Contempt on May 10, 2018, alleging Mr. Allman engaged in the unauthorized practice of law and failed to comply with the Order of Temporary Suspension entered by this Court on September 9, 2016, and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28. Thereafter, Mr. Allman entered a plea agreement agreeing to plead nolo contendere to two separate counts of criminal contempt alleging he violated the Order of Temporary Suspension by undertaking new representation of two separate clients two months after the effective date of his temporary suspension from the practice of law and accepting retainer fees totaling \$9,000.00. Pursuant to a hearing held August 30, 2018, the Special Master entered his report on September 6, 2018, accepting the plea and determining the maximum sentence of ten days and a \$50.00 fine for each count was appropriate and the sentences should run concurrently.

On September 13, 2018, the Supreme Court issued an order requiring Mr. Allman to show cause why the Court should not enter a judgment of contempt and impose the sentence determined by the Special Master. After considering the responses filed by Mr. Allman and the Board, the report of the Special Master and the transcript of the hearing, the Supreme Court adjudged Mr. Allman guilty of two counts of criminal contempt and sentenced him to a total of twenty (20) days in jail and a fine of \$100.00 pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 29-9-103. Mr. Allman was further ordered to surrender himself to the Sumner County Sheriff's Department within fifteen (15) days of October 23, 2018, or be subject to arrest.

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