

## BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ANDY LAMAR ALLMAN, BPR #017857
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## **SUMNER COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

Effective June 19, 2018, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred Andy Lamar Allman from the practice of law pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.1, and ordered him to pay restitution in the amount of \$320,050.00 and costs of the disciplinary proceeding.

A Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Allman consisting of seventy-nine (79) separate complaints from individual clients. The Hearing Panel found Mr. Allman knowingly, intentionally and systematically failed to provide the substantive professional services for which he was retained, misappropriated unearned retainer fees provided by those clients and converted the funds to his personal or business use, and misled clients regarding the status of their cases and the filing of pleadings. The Panel further found Mr. Allman failed to notify his clients of his temporary suspension, engaged in the unauthorized practice of law and failed to respond to the Board regarding a disciplinary complaint. Mr. Allman's misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence); 1.2 (Scope of Representation and Allocation of Authority); 1.3 (Diligence); 1.4 (Communication); 1.5 (Fees); 1.15 (Safekeeping Property and Funds); 1.16 (Declining or Terminating Representation); 3.2 (Expediting Litigation); 3.4 (Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel); 5.5 (Unauthorized Practice of Law); 8.1 (Bar Admissions and Disciplinary Matters), and 8.4(a), (b), (c) and (d) (Misconduct).

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

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