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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JASON WADE BARNETTE, BPR #026960
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective April 1, 2021 the Tennessee Supreme Court permanently disbarred Jason Wade Barnette from the practice of law. Mr. Barnette consented to permanent disbarment because he could not successfully defend the charges alleged in Petitions for Discipline and complaints filed against him with the Board.

Mr. Barnette represented eight clients in collection disputes and employment matters. His misconduct included failing to communicate with his clients and inform them that he had been suspended from the practice of law, allowing default judgments to be entered against clients, engaging in the unauthorized practice of law, posting misleading information on his web page suggesting he was authorized to practice law in another state, and failing to disburse settlement funds to his client.

Mr. Barnette's ethical misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping property), 1.16 (terminating representation), 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), 7.1 (communications concerning a lawyer's services), 8.1 (disciplinary matters), and 8.4(a), (d) and (g) (misconduct).

Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Mr. Barnette is not eligible for reinstatement to the practice of law in this state, and the affidavit of Mr. Barnette consenting to disbarment shall be maintained under seal.

Mr. Barnette must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.