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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ROBIN K. BARRY, BPR #21843
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FORMER DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On February 16, 2018, Robin K. Barry, formerly of Nashville, Tennessee, and now of Richmond, Texas, was disbarred from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court effective February 26, 2018. Ms. Barry must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs.

Ms. Barry received \$100,000 of client funds pending the resolution of her client's lawsuit. A hearing panel found that she knowingly converted over \$14,000 of those funds while they were being held in her trust account. In addition, she commingled her personal funds in the trust account in order to replace the funds she converted. While the case was pending, Ms. Barry moved to Texas and began practicing law there but failed to tell her client that she had moved. She avoided her client's efforts to communicate with her, and misled her in an effort to conceal the fact that the balance of the funds that should have remained after the conclusion of the lawsuit was missing from her trust account. Ms. Barry's ethical misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4, Communication; 1.15(a) and (d), Safekeeping Property and Funds; and 8.4(a) and (c), Misconduct.

A hearing panel recommended an eighteen-month suspension, with sixty days active suspension and the remainder on probation. The Board appealed to Chancery Court which reversed and modified the Hearing Panel decision and imposed disbarment. Ms. Barry appealed to the Supreme Court which affirmed the decision of the Chancery Court. The Supreme Court found that the disbarment should be prospective and not be imposed retroactively to the date of Ms. Barry's temporary suspension.

Ms. Barry must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 (2006) and 30 (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.