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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JONATHAN MARK BENFIELD, BPR NO. 018541
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective September 24, 2025, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Jonathan Mark Benfield from the practice of law for six (6) years with five (5) years being an active suspension pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, Section 12.2, the remainder served on probation conditioned upon the appointment of a practice monitor. As a prerequisite to seeking reinstatement from active suspension, Mr. Benfield must report to the Tennessee Lawyers' Assistance Program within thirty (30) days of the suspension order, attend the Board of Professional Responsibility's ethics workshop, take and receive a passing score on the Multistate Professional Responsibility (MPRE) exam, provide restitution to his mother or her estate in the amount of \$103,080.00 and pay all costs. Additionally, the Supreme Court of Tennessee, in complaint # 7462-9-MB and 74907-9-MB, publicly censured Mr. Benfield.

Mr. Benfield, while acting as power of attorney, took advantage of his elderly and vulnerable mother, abused his fiduciary relationship with his mother as power of attorney, failed to comply with court rules, and knowingly violated his duties as a professional. Mr. Benfield practiced law while subject to an order of suspension and failed to comply with a court order. A Hearing Panel determined the conduct of Mr. Benfield violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.5 (fees); 1.14 (diminished capacity); 1.15 (safekeeping of property and funds); 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel); 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), and 8.4(a), (b), and (c) (misconduct).

Mr. Benfield must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.