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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ROBERT L. BOOKER, BPR #024887**  
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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

Effective March 11, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Robert L. Booker from the practice of law for a period of three (3) years, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2. Mr. Booker must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs in the disciplinary proceeding within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

The hearing panel held that Mr. Booker, while representing a seller of a music collection, concealed the identity of the purchaser from his client for fear that his client would negotiate directly with the purchaser and exclude him from the transaction, withheld communications from his client, had a conflict of interest; and sent inappropriate communications to his client.

In a separate matter, the hearing panel found that Mr. Booker provided false disclosures to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas in his application for admission by failing to disclose previous discipline from Utah, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and Tennessee, failed to provide adequate representation to his client, and engaged in improper billing practices by charging exorbitant fees.

Mr. Booker's conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (Communication); 1.7(a) (Conflicts of Interest); 1.16 (Terminating Representation); 8.1(a) (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters); and 8.4(a) and (c) (Misconduct). Mr. Booker's conduct also violated Texas Rules of Professional Conduct 1.01 (Competent and Diligent Representation); 1.04 (Fees); 8.01 (Bar Admission, Reinstatement and Disciplinary Matters); and 8.04(3) (Conduct involving Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit or Misrepresentation).

Mr. Booker 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. In addition, as a condition of reinstatement, Mr. Booker must pay restitution to one client in the amount of \$136,275.00.