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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ROBERT LOUIS BOOKER, BPR #024887
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective October 2, 2023, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred Robert Louis Booker from the practice of law and ordered him to pay all costs incurred to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

After a default hearing upon the disciplinary petition, the Hearing Panel found that Mr. Booker, in representing a client in a contested divorce, charged, in two installments, a \$3,200.00 non-refundable fee without a written agreement, or alternatively failed to deposit the fee into an IOLTA account as a retainer and bill against it. In addition, the Hearing Panel found that Mr. Booker failed to explain the scope of his representation to his client, and because Mr. Booker did not have a written fee agreement, failed to have proper grounds to withdraw based upon the assertion that the client failed to make payments of attorney's fees and costs, as agreed. Finally, the Hearing Panel found that Mr. Booker impermissibly disclosed confidential information pertaining to the client in his motion to withdraw and failed to respond to letters from Disciplinary Counsel seeking a response to the complaint.

Upon this evidence, the Hearing Panel found that Mr. Booker violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5(b)(f) (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 1.16(b)(5) (declining or terminating representation), 1.6 (confidentiality of information), 8.1(b) (disciplinary matters), and 8.4(a)(d) (misconduct).

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