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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DANIEL GRAHAM BOYD, BPR #22448
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HAWKINS COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 10, 2018, Daniel Graham Boyd was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for three (3) years, with one hundred-twenty (120) days active suspension and the remainder on probation. Mr. Boyd must engage a practice monitor, obtain an evaluation by the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and enter into a monitoring agreement, if appropriate, attend additional continuing legal education, and commit no further acts of misconduct resulting in a recommendation of discipline. Mr. Boyd must pay the Board's costs and expenses.

The Board filed a Petition for Discipline and a Supplemental Petition for Discipline containing two complaints of misconduct. In one matter, Mr. Boyd represented a widow concerning her husband's estate. Over approximately five (5) years, Mr. Boyd made false statements to the daughters of his client leading them to believe that he was taking actions in furtherance of his representation of their mother that he was not. In another matter, Mr. Boyd represented the employee in a workers compensation claim. Other than filing a request for assistance, he took no action over a period of approximately five (5) years to further her claim and he made false statements to his client over that period leading her to believe that he was taking actions that he was not. A Hearing Panel determined that Mr. Boyd should be suspended for three years, with 120 days served as an active suspension and the remainder on probation.

Mr. Boyd's ethical misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (Diligence); 4.1(a) (Truthfulness in Statements to Others) and 8.4(a) and (c) (Misconduct).

Mr. Boyd must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.