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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMAAL L. BOYKIN, BPR #031037
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On June 19, 2018, Jamaal L. Boykin was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for two (2) years, with six (6) months active suspension and the remainder on probation. The suspension is to take effect immediately. As conditions of his probation, Mr. Boykin must engage a practice monitor, undergo an evaluation by Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) and enter into a monitoring agreement if deemed appropriate by TLAP, pay restitution to a client, earn one hour of continuing legal education in the subject of trust accounting, and commit no further acts of misconduct resulting in a recommendation of discipline. Mr. Boykin must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

In the representation of five clients, Mr. Boykin failed to act with diligence in handling client matters, failed to adequately communicate with the clients, failed to deposit unearned fees in a trust account and failed to timely refund unearned fees.

Mr. Boykin's ethical misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.15, Safekeeping Property and Funds; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; and 8.4, Misconduct.

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

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