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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHRISTOPHER LEE BROWN, BPR #15788
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On July 20, 2015, Christopher Lee Brown, of Memphis, Tennessee, was disbarred from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. In addition, Mr. Brown must make restitution as a condition of his reinstatement. Mr. Brown must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement. The order is effective July 30, 2015.

The Petition for Discipline, and three (3) Supplemental Petitions, included eighteen (18) complaints alleging lack of diligence, lack of communication, incompetent representation, failing to expedite litigation, misrepresentations to clients, misappropriation from clients, failing to refund unearned fees, a trust account overdraft, improper advertising, failing to notify clients of prior suspensions, committing a criminal act, failing to comply with a court order, and failure to respond to the Board. Mr. Brown also abandoned his law practice. In addition, Mr. Brown pled guilty to theft of property over \$60,000.

Mr. Brown's ethical misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, Competence; 1.2, Scope of Representation; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communications; 1.5, Fees; 1.15, Safekeeping Property; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 5.3, Responsibilities Regarding Non-Lawyer Assistants; 7.3, Solicitation of Potential Clients; 8.1, Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a), (b), (c) and (g), Misconduct.

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