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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: TED AUSTIN BURKHALTER, JR., BPR #020674
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BLOUNT COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On June 19, 2018, Ted Austin Burkhalter, Jr., was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for three (3) years, with one (1) year active suspension and the remainder on probation. The suspension is to take effect immediately. As conditions of his probation, Mr. Burkhalter must undergo an evaluation by Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) and enter into a monitoring agreement if deemed appropriate by TLAP, and commit no further acts of misconduct resulting in a recommendation of discipline. Mr. Burkhalter must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Mr. Burkhalter represented the executrix of an estate. He prepared a waiver of accounting and inventory calling for the signatures of three persons. Mr. Burkhalter notarized the three signatures appearing on the waiver but one of those signatures was not made by the person whose signature it purports to be. Mr. Burkhalter filed the pleading with the court.

Mr. Burkhalter's ethical misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.3, Candor toward the Tribunal; and 8.4, Misconduct.

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