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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JONATHAN STEPHEN CARLTON, BPR #029768
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TENNESSEE LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective February 19, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred Jonathan Stephen Carlton from the practice of law in the State of Tennessee.

A Hearing Panel found Mr. Carlton was suspended from the practice of law by the Tennessee Supreme Court on October 19, 2017. On December 14, 2017, Mr. Carlton knowingly undertook the legal representation of a new client while suspended from the practice of law, knowingly charged an unreasonable fee and filed pleadings in court while suspended. Thereafter, Mr. Carlton failed to reasonably communicate with his client, failed to act in a diligent manner, and knowingly failed to respond to the Board concerning a disciplinary complaint. The Panel found Mr. Carlton's conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16 (declining or terminating representation), 3.3 (candor toward the tribunal), 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), 8.1(b) (disciplinary matters), and 8.4(a), (c), (d) and (g) (misconduct).

Mr. Carlton must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.

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