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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: AMANDA HOWELL CASTILLO, 037519**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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## **MAURY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

Effective January 7, 2026, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred Amanda Howell Castillo from the practice of law and ordered her to pay restitution to one former client and all costs incurred to the Board of Professional Responsibility (“Board”). The Board filed a Petition for Discipline and a Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Ms. Castillo, and the disciplinary matter was tried before a Hearing Panel on August 14, 2025.

In the first complaint, the Hearing Panel found that Ms. Castillo: (1) failed to represent her client in a diligent manner, (2) failed to expedite her client’s litigation; (3) failed to reasonably communicate with her client, (4) abandoned her representation of her client without notice to the client or permission from the trial court, (5) failed to comply with an Order of summary suspension entered July 26, 2024, by the Tennessee Supreme Court, (6) failed to inform her client of her suspension from the practice of law and withdraw from her representation, and (7) failed to respond to the request of the Board for information related to the disciplinary complaint.

In the second complaint, the Hearing Panel found that Ms. Castillo: (1) failed to represent her client in a diligent matter, (2) failed to set her client’s case for hearing and expedite her litigation, (3) failed to comply with an Order of summary suspension entered July 26, 2024, by the Tennessee Supreme Court, (4) failed to inform her client of her suspension from the practice of law and withdraw from her representation, (5) failed to reasonably communicate with her client, (6) failed to provide the professional services for which she had been retained resulting in her abandonment of the representation of her client and the collection of an unreasonable fee that was not returned to the client, and (7) failed to respond to the request of the Board for information related to the disciplinary complaint.

The Hearing Panel found the conduct of Ms. Castillo violated Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16 (declining or terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4(c) (knowing violation of an obligation under the rules of a tribunal), 8.1(b) (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4(g) (misconduct).

Ms. Castillo must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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