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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES MICHAEL CLIFFORD, BPR #1544
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BLOUNT COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On March 10, 2017, Charles Michael Clifford, of Blount County, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for one (1) year, retroactive to March 9, 2016, the date of his temporary suspension. Mr. Clifford was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,500.00.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on June 27, 2016, alleging that after accepting a fee, Mr. Clifford failed to communicate adequately with his client, failed to notify his client of a hearing date, failed to appear in court for the hearing, and failed to respond to Disciplinary Counsel.

A Hearing Panel found that Mr. Clifford's actions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 8.1(b) (disciplinary matters); and, 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Clifford must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys. The Court's Order is effective immediately.

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