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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: HOMER L. CODY, BPR #010755
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## SHELBY COUNTY ATTORNEY DISBARRED

On August 28, 2018, Homer L. Cody of Memphis, Tennessee was disbarred effective immediately by the Tennessee Supreme Court. Further, Mr. Cody must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days.

This is the fifth disciplinary proceeding brought against Mr. Cody arising from his representation of one client. The first case resulted in a public censure. The second resulted in a 180-day suspension. The third resulted in a one-year suspension. The fourth resulted in a two-year suspension. While the first two suspensions were in effect, Mr. Cody filed two pleadings on behalf of the client in the Chancery Court for Shelby County. After the third suspension took effect, Mr. Cody filed an additional pleading in the case. In addition to his unauthorized practice of law, by filing pleadings on behalf of the client, Mr. Cody continued his conflict of interest that formed the basis for the previous suspensions. A Hearing Panel found Mr. Cody's actions violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.7(a), Conflict of Interest; 5.5(a), Unauthorized Practice of Law; and 8.4(a), (b) and (g), Misconduct.

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

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