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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: SCOTT ERIC CRAWFORD, BPR #17056
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On May 8, 2018, Scott Eric Crawford, of Collierville, Tennessee (formerly Olive Branch, Mississippi) was disbarred from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. As a condition of reinstatement, Mr. Crawford must make restitution to one client. The disbarment begins on May 18, 2018. Mr. Crawford must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Mr. Crawford represented his client in a fire loss dispute with an insurance company. The Hearing Panel found that Mr. Crawford forged his client's signature on the insurance payment checks, failed to deposit them into his trust account as required, failed to adequately communicate with his client, failed to maintain adequate records and to account for the distribution of funds, and failed to remit his client's portion in a timely manner. In addition, Mr. Crawford was found to have concealed the payment of a portion of his fees by the insurance carrier when he was not entitled to any fees, and misappropriated an amount he claimed he was holding in escrow for the client's payment of contractor expenses.

Mr. Crawford's ethical misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.15(a) and 1.15(c), Safekeeping client funds; 8.4(c), Engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation; and 8.4(a), Misconduct.

Mr. Crawford was previously disbarred, retroactive to March 19, 2004, by the Tennessee Supreme Court on February 28, 2008, and remains disbarred.

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