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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WENDELL CORNELIUS DAWSON, BPR #012960
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January 26, 2024

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective January 26, 2024, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Wendell Cornelius Dawson from the practice of law for three years, with three months active suspension, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, and with the remainder to be served on probation. The suspension is conditioned upon incurring no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation, additional CLE, engagement of a practice monitor, and payment of Board costs in the amount of \$6,265.00.

Mr. Dawson must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel, of the Supreme Court's Order suspending his law license. Mr. Dawson is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Mr. Dawson failed to communicate with clients adequately about the status of their cases, failed to move his clients' cases forward diligently and expeditiously, failed to respond to requests for evidence from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and failed to represent his clients competently.

Mr. Dawson executed a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging his conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

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

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