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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES DAVID DEAS, BPR #2049
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BLOUNT COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective April 17, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Charles David Deas from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months with sixty (60) days to be served as an active suspension and the remainder served on probation, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 14.1, and ordered to pay the Board's costs. Mr. Deas was further ordered to contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) for potential monitoring and comply with any recommendations. Upon satisfaction of all conditions and the entry of an order of reinstatement by the Supreme Court, Mr. Deas may resume the practice of law.

On May 9, 2016, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Deas based upon his self-report of his arrest on June 10, 2014, for driving under the influence and possession of a firearm while intoxicated, and his subsequent misdemeanor conviction on January 8, 2016, for obstructing a roadway and possession of a firearm while intoxicated. A Hearing Panel determined Mr. Deas' conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(b).

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