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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN MARTIN DRAKE, BPR #30532
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective April 28, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended John Martin Drake from the practice of law for two (2) years pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, and referred Mr. Drake to Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP).

Mr. Drake, while suspended from the practice of law, knowingly and intentionally made a series of telephone calls to the Bledsoe County Correctional Complex identifying himself as an attorney and representing himself as the attorney for an inmate at the facility. By these acts, Mr. Drake violated Rules of Professional Conduct 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), 8.1(b) (bar admissions and disciplinary matters) and 8.4(b) and (c) (misconduct).

On August 19, 2015, Mr. Drake was summarily suspended from the practice of law (Case No. ADM2015-00050) for failure to comply with Continuing Legal Education requirements and that suspension remains in effect.

Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Drake must comply in all aspects with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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