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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAKE PRESTON EVANS, BPR #030147
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TENNESSEE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On July 9, 2021, Jake Preston Evans, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, was suspended for sixteen months retroactive to March 9, 2020 by the Supreme Court of Tennessee and ordered to contact Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program, pay restitution to his clients and pay costs of the disciplinary action to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Mr. Evans was retained in two separate patent and trademark matters and was not diligent in making timely filings for patents and copyright matters resulting in the applications being denied. Mr. Evans failed to perfect appeals of those denials, failed to reasonably communicate with his clients, and failed to respond to Board inquiries.

Mr. Evans executed a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting his conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), and 8.1 (bar admissions and disciplinary matters).

Mr. Evans must comply with the requirements of 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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