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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: A. SAIS PHILLIPS FINNEY, BPR #028845
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective June 27, 2023, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred A. Sais Phillips Finney from the practice of law and ordered her to pay all costs incurred to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

After final default hearing upon the disciplinary petition, the hearing panel determined by a preponderance of the evidence that Ms. Finney failed to act diligently in the representation, failed to reasonably communicate with her clients regarding the status of their case, charged an unreasonable fee for the work performed, failed to refund all or a portion of client funds, failed to hold client funds in trust account, failed to respond to the disciplinary complaints and inquiries from the Board's disciplinary counsel and knowingly violated the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. Ms. Finney violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.3 (diligence), 1.4(a) (communication), 1.5(a) (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping of property and funds), 1.16(d)(6) (declining and terminating representation), 8.1(b) (maintaining the integrity of the profession), and 8.4(a) (misconduct). The hearing panel recommended a suspension and, pursuant to its authority under Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, the Supreme Court of Tennessee upon review of said recommendation notified the parties it believed the recommendation was too lenient and asked the parties to brief the issue. Ms. Finney failed to file a brief and the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued its order of enforcement imposing permanent disbarment.

Ms. Finney must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28.1 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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