

## BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: LARRY E. FITZGERALD, BPR #010953
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## SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective August 14, 2024, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Larry E. Fitzgerald from the practice of law for four (4) years, with the first two (2) years to be served as an active suspension, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, and the remainder to be served on probationary suspension.

In disciplinary matters arising from twelve (12) separate complaints, Mr. Fitzgerald failed to communicate reasonably with his clients, failed to diligently perform work necessary to the representation, failed to properly maintain client funds in his IOLTA trust account, failed to keep accurate accounting of funds kept in trust, failed to return unearned client fees, failed to properly conclude representation of clients, and failed to respond to requests for information from the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Mr. Fitzgerald executed a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging his conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communications), 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 1.16 (terminating representation), and 8.1(b) (disciplinary matters).

Mr. Fitzerald 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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