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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ROBERT JOHN FOY, BPR #025919
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RUTHERFORD COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On August 17, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Robert John Foy from the practice of law for a period of seven (7) years, with five (5) years active, and the remainder on probation pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2. Mr. Foy was further ordered to obtain an evaluation with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and engage the services of a Practice Monitor. Mr. Foy must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety (90) days.

Mr. Foy converted client settlement funds to his own business and personal use. He also failed to promptly pay third-party lien holders from the settlement funds. During the investigation of this matter, Mr. Foy falsified bank records to prevent discovery of his misappropriation. In addition, Mr. Foy failed to keep client funds and estate funds in his trust account. Mr. Foy reimbursed the estate and his clients in full for the funds he misappropriated.

Mr. Foy executed a conditional guilty plea acknowledging his conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.15 (safekeeping property); 3.4 (fairness to the opposing party and counsel); 4.1 (truthfulness and candor in statements to others); and 8.4 (a) and (c), (misconduct).

Mr. Foy 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.