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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL LLOYD FREEMAN, BPR #028698
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## **DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On June 21, 2021, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Michael Lloyd Freeman from the practice of law for a period of three (3) years with three (3) months active suspension pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, and the remainder on probation pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 14.1. Mr. Freeman must pay the Board for all costs in the disciplinary proceeding as well as restitution in the amount of \$750.00. During the period of probation, Mr. Freeman shall obtain an evaluation with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and engage the services of a Practice Monitor.

A Hearing Panel found Mr. Freeman failed to file an appropriate complaint in a contested divorce action resulting in the dismissal of the divorce for failure to prosecute, failed to reasonably communicate with his client and expedite his litigation, failed to review his client's file and respond to a pending motion for summary judgment, and failed to file an executed marital dissolution agreement and take appropriate action to confirm its filing with the Court in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication) and 3.2 (expediting litigation).

Mr. Freeman 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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