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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: GEORGE ERNEST SKOUTERIS, JR., BPR #13417**  
**CONTACT: WILLIAM C. MOODY**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

February 9, 2016

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

On February 9, 2016, George Ernest Skouteris, Jr., of Memphis, Tennessee, was disbarred from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. As a condition of reinstatement, Mr. Skouteris must make restitution to two former clients. The disbarment begins on February 9, 2016. Mr. Skouteris must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Mr. Skouteris represented a husband and wife as a result of a 2007 automobile accident. In 2010, he agreed to a settlement with one insurer in the amount of \$7,974 and with another in the amount of \$8,500. He did not have his clients' authority to agree to the settlements nor did he tell them about the settlements. He signed their names to the settlement checks without their knowledge or consent and deposited them to his trust account. Over time, he misappropriated the settlement funds. He avoided his clients' efforts to communicate with him over the years and then, in 2014, he led them to believe their lawsuit was ongoing. He failed to advise them that he had been previously disbarred in 2014.

Mr. Skouteris' ethical misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2(a), Scope of Representation; 1.4, Communication; 1.15(a) and (d), Safekeeping Property and Funds; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a), (b), (c) and (g), Misconduct.

Mr. Skouteris was previously disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court on February 21, 2014 and April 21, 2015, and remains disbarred.

Mr. Skouteris must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

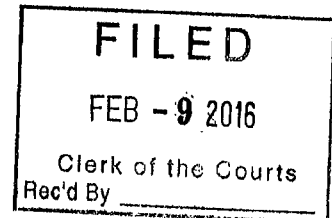
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: **GEORGE ERNEST SKOUTERIS, JR., BPR #13417**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

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No. M2016-00247-SC-BAR-BP  
BOPR No. 2015-2463-9-WM

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against George Ernest Skouteris, Jr., on June 17, 2015; upon Answer of Respondent filed by Mr. Skouteris on October 15, 2015; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Skouteris on January 15, 2016; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on January 19, 2016; upon consideration and approval by the Board on February 1, 2016; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

On February 21, 2014, Mr. Skouteris was disbarred by this Court (Case No. W2013-01254-SC-R3-BP). On April 21, 2015, Mr. Skouteris was disbarred by this Court (Case No. M2015-00706-SC-BAR-BP). To date, Mr. Skouteris has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement from the disbarments.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

- (1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1, George Ernest Skouteris, Jr., is disbarred.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Mr. Skouteris shall make restitution to Mildred and Daron Fair in the amount of \$16,474.00 and shall furnish to the Board of Professional Responsibility proof of restitution. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Skouteris shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount.

(3) Additionally, Mr. Skouteris shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Skouteris must meet all CLE requirements and have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this disbarment until the date of reinstatement.

(4) Further, the disbarment of February 21, 2014, in Case No. W2013-01254-SC-R3-BP, and the disbarment of April 21, 2015, in Case No. M2015-00706-SC-BAR-BP, shall remain in effect pending further orders of this Court.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Skouteris shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$139.81 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(7) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM