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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JACKIE LYNN GARTON, BPR #016106
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DICKSON COUNTY LAWYER PERMANENTLY DISBARRED

Effective September 10, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred Jackie Lynn Garton from the practice of law and ordered restitution in the amount of \$1,365,203.42 and costs of the disciplinary proceeding be paid.

Mr. Garton was previously suspended by the Supreme Court of Tennessee on May 29, 2019, after pleading guilty to a serious crime. On April 22, 2019, Mr. Garton pled guilty to Wire Fraud in violation 18 USC §1343, Aggravated Identity Theft in violation of 18 USC §1028A, and Tax Fraud in violation of 26 USC §7206(1). The Board of Professional Responsibility instituted a formal proceeding to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed.

In the first case, Mr. Garton knowingly and intentionally misappropriated funds held in trust for a minor child. In the second case, Mr. Garton knowingly, intentionally and systematically misappropriated funds in a probate matter and converted the funds to his personal or business use.

Mr. Garton violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 1.5 (Fees), 1.7 (Conflict of Interest), 1.15 (Safekeeping Property), 1.16 (Declining and Terminating Representation), 3.3 (Candor toward the Tribunal), 4.1 (Truthfulness and Candor in Statements to Others), 8.1 (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters), and 8.4 (a), (b), (c), and (d) (Misconduct).

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