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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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KNOX COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On February 11, 2021, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Mark Steven Graham from the practice of law for three (3) years, retroactive to March 11, 2020, the date of his temporary suspension from the practice of law. One (1) year shall be served as an active suspension and the remainder on probation. Mr. Graham must obtain an evaluation with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program, engage a Practice Monitor, pay restitution, and pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs.

On May 8, 2020, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Graham that included one complaint of misconduct. Mr. Graham represented a foreign company involved in intellectual property litigation in the United States. The company retained an expert witness, and the client sent funds to Mr. Graham for payment of the expert witness fees. Mr. Graham failed to pay the expert as agreed and used a portion of the funds to pay his outstanding attorney fees.

Mr. Graham executed a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting his conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(a), (b) and (d) (safekeeping property and funds) and 8.4(a), and (c) (misconduct).

Mr. Graham shall comply in all aspects with 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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