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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: GERALD STANLEY GREEN, BPR #009470
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 24, 2019, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Memphis attorney Gerald Stanley Green from the practice of law for six (6) months, with thirty (30) days to be served on active suspension and the remaining five (5) months on probation with conditions. Mr. Green must have a practice monitor during his probation. The suspension is effective immediately.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline and a Supplemental Petition against Mr. Green. The Petitions for Discipline were based on complaints by three (3) clients alleging that Mr. Green did not adequately communicate and failed to diligently represent them. In addition, Mr. Green was charged with practicing law in Mississippi without complying with that state's rule governing pro hac vice admission.

The Hearing Panel found that Mr. Green violated four separate provisions of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct, including RPC 1.3 (Diligence), RPC 1.4 (Communication), RPC 8.4(a) and (d) (Misconduct), and RPC 5.5 (a) (Unauthorized Practice of Law).

Mr. Green appealed the decision and the Tennessee Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the Hearing Panel. The Court held that the Hearing Panel's findings and sanctions were well-founded and supported by the evidence. The Court also upheld the conditions of probation, including the practice monitor, noting its relation to Mr. Green's long history of failing to communicate adequately with his clients and failing to manage his law practice well.

Mr. Green must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.

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