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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WENDELL KYLE HALL, BPR #017749
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KNOX COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective October 29, 2019, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Wendell Kyle Hall from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years, with sixty (60) days active suspension and the remainder on probation, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2. Mr. Hall must engage a practice monitor and pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs in the disciplinary proceeding within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

The trial court held that Mr. Hall deposited funds from a settlement into his trust account, converted those funds to pay for personal expenses, and failed to promptly notify a third party that he had received the funds. The trial court found that in a separate case Mr. Hall failed to serve a defendant, failed to properly dismiss the case, refiled the case improperly, and did not consult with his client regarding a motion to dismiss. The trial court determined that Mr. Hall filed a notice of appeal without advising his client, failed to comply with appellate procedures or respond to a show cause order, and caused the appeal to be dismissed. Finally, the trial court found that Mr. Hall failed to inform his clients that their lawsuit had been dismissed in the trial court and on appeal.

Mr. Hall's conduct violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.2 (Scope of Representation), 1.4 (Communication), 1.15 (Safekeeping Property and Funds), and 8.4 (Misconduct).

Mr. Hall 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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