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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN T. HARDING, BPR #017751
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SUMNER COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective June 10, 2021, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended John T. Harding from the practice of law for one (1) year with thirty (30) days being an active suspension pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, and the remainder served on probation, conditioned upon the payment of fees to the Board.

A Petition containing one complaint was filed by the Board alleging Mr. Harding failed to reasonably communicate with his client regarding the status of the case; failed to act in a diligent manner and expedite the client's litigation. Mr. Harding executed a conditional guilty plea acknowledging his conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 3.2 (expediting litigation); and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Mr. Harding 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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