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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: RICHARD KENT HARRIS, BPR #629
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TEXAS LAWYER DISBARRED

On June 16, 2017, Richard Kent Harris, of Montgomery, Texas, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court effective immediately.

The Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Mr. Harris on April 28, 2017, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 22.3, based upon his guilty plea to conspiracy to commit bankruptcy fraud. The Board of Professional Responsibility instituted a formal proceeding to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed. In addition, Mr. Harris engaged in the unauthorized practice of law while suspended for non-payment of the annual registration fee. Mr. Harris entered a conditional guilty plea agreeing to disbarment.

Mr. Harris' actions violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 5.5(a) (unauthorized practice of law) and 8.4(a) (misconduct) and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct 5.05(a) (unauthorized practice of law) and 8.4(3) (misconduct).

Mr. Harris must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys. Mr. Harris must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

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