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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DAVID DWAYNE HARRIS, BPR #032607
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective December 12, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred David Dwayne Harris from the practice of law and ordered him to pay all costs incurred by the Board of Professional Responsibility.

After a default hearing upon the disciplinary petition, a Hearing Panel found that Mr. Harris failed to do any work for the client; failed to expedite litigation; failed to reasonably communicate with his client; charged and collected an unreasonable fee; failed to deposit fees received into an IOLTA and/or trust accounts; failed to respond to the requests of Board for information related to the disciplinary complaint; and failed to participate in the disciplinary proceeding. The Hearing Panel determined the misconduct of Mr. Harris warranted disbarment.

The preponderance of the evidence established that Mr. Harris knowingly violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 1.16 (declining or terminating representation), 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

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