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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WESLEY LYNN HATMAKER, BPR #14880
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CAMPBELL COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On October 3, 2016, Wesley Lynn Hatmaker, of Jacksboro, Tennessee, was disbarred from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. In addition, Mr. Hatmaker must make restitution as a condition of his reinstatement. The order is effective October 3, 2016. Mr. Hatmaker must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Mr. Hatmaker commingled earned fees in his trust account, utilized his trust account for personal purposes, misappropriated client funds from his trust account, failed to adequately monitor his trust account, allowed his wife to write checks misappropriating client funds from the trust account, made misrepresentations to a judge in order to conceal the misappropriations, and failed to communicate with, and diligently represent, a client.

Mr. Hatmaker's ethical misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.15(a), Safekeeping Property and Funds; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; and 8.4(a), (b) and (c), Misconduct.

Mr. Hatmaker must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.