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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN ROBERT HERSHBERGER, BPR# 21519**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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May 30, 2014

**MEMPHIS LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On May 30, 2014, John Robert Hershberger, of Memphis, was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for two (2) years, with sixty (60) days served as active suspension and the remainder served on probation subject to several conditions including participation with a practice monitor, establishment of an operating account for his law practice, and an evaluation with the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program. Mr. Hershberger is ordered to pay the Board's costs and expenses. Ms. Hershberger may practice law during the probationary period.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Hershberger alleging that since 2009, he improperly used an attorney trust account for personal and business transactions not related to his law practice. Although there were no client funds in the account, Mr. Hershberger's use of a trust account to deposit personal funds and to pay personal expenses constitutes a violation of Rules of Professional Conduct. Ms. Hershberger entered a guilty plea to the Board's charges.

Mr. Hershberger's actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.15, Safekeeping Property; and 8.4(a), Misconduct.

Mr. Hershberger must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 and 19.

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