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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: STEVEN MICHAEL HODGEN, BPR NO. 025456
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HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective August 15, 2025, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Steven Michael Hodgen from the practice of law for six (6) years with five (5) years as an active suspension pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, Section 12.2, and the remainder served on probation conditioned upon the appointment of a practice monitor.

A Petition for Discipline containing one complaint was filed by the Board alleging Mr. Hodgen indicated in court pleadings that he represented a party that he had never spoken with and that following the improper representation then failed to reasonably communicate with the client regarding the status of the case; failed to act in a diligent manner and expedite the client's litigation; failed to timely respond to dispositive motions; failed to discuss any aspects of the case and filings with the complainant; abandoned the complainant and/or prejudiced the rights of a third party. After a hearing on the merits, the Hearing Panel determined the conduct of Mr. Hodgen violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence); 1.2 (scope of representation); 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 3.2 (expediting litigation); 3.3 (candor to the tribunal); 3.4(d) (fairness to opposing party and counsel); and 8.4(a), (c), and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Hodgen 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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