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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: NEWTON S. HOLIDAY, III, BPR #012990**  
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**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

Effective August 17, 2023, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Newton S. Holiday, III, from the practice of law for two (2) years, with six (6) months being an active suspension and the remaining eighteen (18) months served on probation pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, conditioned upon payment of \$9,500.00 in restitution prior to his reinstatement to Lanetta Carson-Bell, engagement of a practice monitor and payment of the Board's costs.

The disciplinary action involved one (1) matter in which Mr. Holiday failed to act with reasonable diligence, failed to communicate with his client or keep her informed of significant events and developments in her case, accepted representation pursuant to a contingent fee agreement which was not in writing, offered to pay the client and secured her acceptance of a settlement amount for his own negligence without advising the client of his conflict of interest and the advisability of seeking independent legal advice.

The Hearing Panel found the conduct of Mr. Holiday violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5(c) (fees), 1.8(h) (conflicts of interest), and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Mr. Holiday 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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