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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ANGELA JOY HOPSON, BPR #022500
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MADISON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective February 9, 2024, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred Angela Joy Hopson from the practice of law and ordered restitution in the aggregate amount of \$35,234.00 to eight (8) individuals, and costs of the disciplinary proceeding be paid within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

The disciplinary matter consisted of thirteen (13) different complaints pertaining to multiple violations of various Rules of Professional Conduct. Ms. Hopson was found guilty of multiple offenses of misappropriating client money, failing to appear, misleading clients and failing to notify clients of the status of cases, failing to communicate with clients, failing to prosecute cases diligently, charging an unreasonable fee, failing to refund unearned fees, engaging in the unauthorized practice of law while suspended, and failing to respond to the Board, all in violation of RPC 1.3 (diligence), RPC 1.4 (communication), RPC (1.5) (fees), RPC 1.15 (safekeeping of funds), RPC 1.16 (termination of representation), RPC 3.2 (expediting litigation), RPC 3.3 (candor to a tribunal), RPC 4.1 (truthfulness in statements to others), RPC 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), RPC 8.1(b) (failing to respond to a request for information from disciplinary counsel), RPC 8.4(b) (criminal conduct), RPC 8.4(c) (conduct involving fraud), RPC 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), RPC 8.4(g) (failing to comply with court order). Based on these findings, the Hearing Panel found that the offenses warranted disbarment.

Ms. Hopson previously had been temporarily suspended by Order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee on July 28, 2021, for failing to respond to an unrelated complaint. Pursuant to the Order of the Supreme Court disbarring Ms. Hopson, the prior temporary suspension is dissolved.

Ms. Hopson must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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