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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DARRYL WAYNE HUMPHREY, BPR #16471
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective September 25, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Darryl Wayne Humphrey from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, and requiring Mr. Humphrey to pay the cost of the disciplinary proceeding.

A Petition for Discipline was filed April 10, 2017, and a Supplemental Petition for Discipline was filed August 14, 2017, alleging Mr. Humphrey engaged in the unauthorized practice of law and failed to communicate with and diligently represent his clients.

Mr. Humphrey executed a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting he was administratively suspended September 29, 2015, and thereafter, participated in a telephone conference with the trial court and opposing counsel, participated in mediation, executed and filed a marital dissolution agreement and final decree of divorce, continued as counsel of record in five (5) cases despite his suspension, and actively practiced in four (4) of those cases. Prior to his administrative suspension, Mr. Humphrey failed to diligently represent a client and file a motion to amend a previous custody order entered by the court.

Mr. Humphrey's conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law); and 8.4 (a)(b)(c)(d) (misconduct). Mr. Humphrey's Summary Suspension Order entered September 29, 2015, remains in effect.

Mr. Humphrey 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.