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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN EDWARD HUTSON, BPR #034751
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January 14, 2025

WHITE COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective January 14, 2025, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended John Edward Hutson from the practice of law for two (2) years, with six (6) months being an active suspension pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, and the remainder served on probation conditioned upon compliance with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and employing a practice monitor at his expense for six (6) months following reinstatement.

A Petition for Discipline containing one complaint was filed by the Board alleging that Mr. Hutson knowingly provided financial assistance to his client, entered into a business transaction with his client to obtain services for repayment of the funds provided to the client, and made overtures and requests for a personal relationship with his client during the representation that materially limited his representation of the client and was prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Mr. Hutson executed a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging his conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.7(a)(2) (conflict of interest), 1.8 (conflict of interest), and 8.4(a) and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Hutson 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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