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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ELBERT JEFFERSON, JR., BPR #14907**  
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**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

On August 24, 2015, Elbert Jefferson, Jr. was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.1.

October 31, 2014, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Jefferson. The Hearing Panel found that after securing his client's signature on a settlement check in the amount of \$2,100.00, Mr. Jefferson deposited the funds into his trust account. Over the course of the following month, he converted the proceeds to his own use. Thereafter, Mr. Jefferson misled his client about the reason he could not disburse her portion of the settlement. In the course of the investigation, Mr. Jefferson did not respond to Disciplinary Counsel's request for information about the funds missing from his trust account.

The Hearing Panel determined that Mr. Jefferson violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.15, Safekeeping Property; 8.1, Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; 8.4(a), Misconduct.

Mr. Jefferson must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 (2006) and Section 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. He must pay the Board's costs and expenses prior to reinstatement to the practice of law.

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