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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES BRODERICK JOHNSON, BPR NO. 015509
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On September 19, 2025, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended James Broderick Johnson for three (3) months, with thirty (30) days served as an active suspension and the remaining time served on probation. The Supreme Court upheld the decision of the Davidson County Circuit Court and the disciplinary Hearing Panel, finding that Mr. Johnson violated the Rules of Professional Conduct when he publicly filed confidential communications between him and his client as an exhibit to a motion to withdraw. The Court found Mr. Johnson's conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.6 (confidentiality of information); 1.16 (declining or terminating representation); and 8.4(d) (misconduct).

Mr. Johnson 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.