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RE: JERRY ALAN KENNON, BPR #18744
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## DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On May 15, 2014, Jerry Alan Kennon, of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for one (1) year. Mr. Kennon was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,760. Finally, Mr. Kennon must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on October 25, 2013, containing four (4) complaints. Mr. Kennon utilized his trust account as a personal account. He was retained to prepare estate planning documents for two clients but failed to complete the work he was retained to perform over a period of several years, failed to communicate with them and failed to refund the unearned fee. He was retained by one client to file a personal injury case but filed suit against the wrong defendant and failed to appear in court when the case was set resulting in its dismissal. He also failed to communicate with that client. He represented the personal representative of an estate wherein he filed several incorrectly executed statements in lieu of final accounting, failed to obtain a TennCare release, failed to close the estate over a period of several years and failed to appear at a show cause hearing.

Mr. Kennon's actions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.15, Safekeeping Property and Funds; 1.16, Declining or Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; and 8.4(a) and (d), Misconduct.

Mr. Kennon must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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