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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: EDWARD LEE KERSHAW, BPR # 016775
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GREENE COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective August 2, 2019, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Edward Lee Kershaw from the practice of law for a period of four (4) months, with 30 days served on active suspension and the remaining three (3) months to be served on probation, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2. Mr. Kershaw must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs in the disciplinary proceeding within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

The trial court determined Mr. Kershaw made comments toward the court and asked questions of a witness which were intended for no other purpose but to embarrass the witness and disrupt the judicial proceedings; published statements in a local newspaper about the court which Mr. Kershaw knew were untrue and were intended to call into question the judge's qualifications and integrity; and published statements on social media which were made with reckless disregard and called into question the qualifications and integrity of all the judges in Greene County.

Mr. Kershaw's conduct violated Rule of Professional Conduct 3.5 (Impartiality and Decorum of the Tribunal); 4.4 (Respect for the Rights of Third Persons); 8.2 (Judicial and Legal Officials); and 8.4 (Misconduct).

Mr. Kershaw is immediately precluded from the practice of law and prohibited from using any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk or maintaining a presence where the practice of law is conducted. Mr. Kershaw must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending his law license and shall deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Mr. Kershaw 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.