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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM A. LANE, BPR #11848
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WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On June 9, 2014, William A. Lane of Thompsons Station, Tennessee, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

On December 19, 2013, the Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Lane alleging that he submitted false and deceptive fee claims to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Mr. Lane accepted appointments to represent indigent defendants for several years in which he failed to keep contemporaneous time records; billed for out of court time as if it were in court time; and billed for the full amount of time he was in court for each case even when appearing on multiple cases during one hearing rather than prorating his time. He did not file an answer to the petition nor appear for the final hearing. A Hearing Panel determined that disbarment was the appropriate sanction.

Mr. Lane violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5, Fees; 3.3(a)(1), Candor toward the Tribunal; 3.4(c), Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel; and 8.4(a), (c) and (d), Misconduct.

Mr. Lane 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 procedures for reinstatement. He must pay the Board's costs and expenses prior to reinstatement to the practice of law.

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