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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MARCUS ALLEN LIPHAM, BPR NO. 036403
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MADISON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective April 1, 2026, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred Marcus Allen Lipham from the practice of law and ordered him to pay restitution to seven (7) former clients in the total amount of \$26,500.00.

After a final hearing upon the disciplinary petition containing nine (9) separate complaints, a Hearing Panel determined Mr. Lipham knowingly engaged in ethical misconduct that involved failure to provide competent representation, failure to act within the scope and authority communicated by clients, failure to act with reasonable diligence, failure to communicate with clients, charging of unreasonable fees, failure to properly terminate representation, failure to expedite litigation, making of false statements to courts and parties, failure to provide legal services after accepting fees, failure to respond to multiple Board inquiries for information, and multiple instances of misconduct involving prejudice to the administration of justice.

The Hearing Panel found by preponderance of evidence that Mr. Lipham knowingly committed the following violations of Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.2 (scope of representation), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.6 (confidentiality), 1.9 (duties to former clients), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 1.16 (terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.3 (candor toward Tribunal), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel), 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4(a),(c), and (d) (misconduct).

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