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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: FLETCHER WHALEY LONG, BPR #18775**  
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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

Effective November 15, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred Fletcher Whaley Long from the practice of law and ordered payment of restitution to four (4) former clients for engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit and misrepresentation. Mr. Long was previously disbarred by Order of Enforcement entered September 14, 2015.

In the first complaint, Mr. Long received a retainer fee and did not complete the work before his suspension from the practice of law, then misrepresented that another attorney would assume the client's representation. In the second complaint, Mr. Long accepted a fee to represent the client but did not provide the professional services he was hired to complete. In the third complaint, Mr. Long received a refundable fee from his client but failed to file a cause of action within the statute of limitations, failed to maintain client funds in trust and failed to disclose his indictment for embezzlement when the client hired Mr. Long. In the fourth complaint, Mr. Long accepted a fee without disclosing his indictment for embezzlement and, thereafter, failed to provide the professional services for which he had been retained.

Mr. Long's conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2(a) (scope of representation); 1.3 (competency); 1.4(a) and (b) (communication); 1.5(a), (b), (e) and (f) (fees); 1.15(a)-(e) (safekeeping property and funds); 1.16(a) and (d) (declining or terminating representation); 8.1(b) (bar admissions and disciplinary matters) and 8.4(a), (c) and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Long must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.