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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: BRIAN PHILIP MANOOKIAN, BPR #026455**  
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**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

Effective February 16, 2024, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued a written Majority Opinion permanently disbarring Brian Philip Manookian from the practice of law for engaging in professional misconduct.

After a hearing upon the disciplinary petitions, a Hearing Panel determined by a preponderance of the evidence that Mr. Manookian sent a series of intimidating, demeaning, embarrassing and harassing communications to opposing counsel, some of which targeted family members of opposing counsel, which had no substantial purpose other than to embarrass, intimidate and burden counsel and/or his family. The Panel further found Mr. Manookian improperly revealed confidences regarding a former client; published statements and accusations he knew were false or had no basis in fact regarding the integrity of a judge; and engaged in conduct that was prejudicial to the administration of justice. The Panel determined the above conduct violated RPC 1.9 (duties to former clients), 4.4 (respect for the rights of third persons), 8.2 (judicial and legal officials) and 8.4 (misconduct).

On appeal, the Trial Court affirmed the findings and judgment of the Panel imposing a suspension. The judgments of the Chancery Court and the Panel were affirmed in part, and reversed in part, by the Supreme Court, resulting in the disbarment of Mr. Manookian for violating RPC 1.9 (duties to former clients), 4.4 (respect for the rights of third persons), 8.2 (judicial and legal officials) and 8.4 (misconduct).