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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES MICHAEL MARSHALL, BPR #18784
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MAURY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On June 13, 2014 James Michael Marshall of Spring Hill, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for sixty (60) days. Mr. Marshall was ordered to pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on January 2, 2014, involving three (3) complaints of unethical conduct. In the first complaint, Mr. Marshall ignored a court order to prepare and file a statement of the evidence in compliance with Rule 24 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure. Mr. Marshall's failure to comply with the court order led to the dismissal of the client's appeal. In the second complaint, Mr. Marshall unreasonably delayed for approximately one (1) year setting a motion for argument before the trial court. In the third complaint, Mr. Marshall notarized documents when he did not hold an active Notary Commission and filed the same with the Clerk of the Court and Register of Deeds. Mr. Marshall pled guilty, pursuant to T.C.A. §40-35-313, to six (6) Class C misdemeanors of acting after the expiration of his notary commission in violation of T.C.A. §8-16-120 and was placed on probation.

Mr. Marshall entered a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting his conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3, (Diligence); 3.3(a) and (h), (Candor Toward the Tribunal); 3.4(c), (Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel); 4.1, (Truthfulness in Statements to Others); and 8.4, (Misconduct).

Mr. Marshall must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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