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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES DANIEL MARSHALL, BPR #25541
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## **DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

Effective March 22, 2018, the Supreme Court of Tennessee, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.4, entered an order suspending James Daniel Marshall from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years, with thirty (30) days to be served as an active suspension, and the remainder served on probation subject to certain conditions including the appointment of a practice monitor and continued contact with Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program. Mr. Marshall is required to reimburse the Board for all costs in the disciplinary proceeding.

During the representation of three (3) clients, Mr. Marshall failed to produce discovery responses, attend case management conferences and motion hearings, timely serve a summons or issue alias summons, and timely communicate with his clients. In mitigation, Mr. Marshall experienced a significant personal loss followed by depression which largely went untreated until the disciplinary complaints surfaced.

Mr. Marshall's conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.1 (competence); 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 3.2 (expediting litigation) and 8.4 (misconduct).

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

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