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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES MICHAEL MARSHALL, BPR #018784
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MAURY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective May 22, 2023, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended James Michael Marshall from the practice of law for one (1) year pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2.

This disciplinary action involved two (2) separate complaints. In one disciplinary matter, Mr. Marshall failed to prepare and file an Order reflecting the trial court's ruling, resulting in contempt charges being filed against his client, failed to timely address an Order of Protection or advise his client of the ramifications of cohabitation, failed to fully advise his client that the dismissal of his divorce complaint would not affect the pending counter-complaint for divorce filed by his wife, and failed to timely withdraw as attorney of record after closing his file. In a second disciplinary matter, Mr. Marshall created a conflict of interest by engaging in an inappropriate relationship with his client during the representation. Mr. Marshall submitted a conditional guilty plea acknowledging his conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.7 (conflict of interest), and 1.16 (declining or terminating representation).

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 the procedure for reinstatement.

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