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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: BARRY KEITH MAXWELL, BPR #9572
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MONROE COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 22, 2018, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Barry Keith Maxwell from the practice of law for seventy-five (75) days. Upon completion of his suspension, Mr. Maxwell will be placed on probation for one (1) year, subject to the condition that he submit to an evaluation by the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) and comply with any monitoring requirements TLAP deems necessary. Mr. Maxwell must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days.

On August 17, 2015, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Maxwell containing one complaint of misconduct. A hearing was held on December 1, 2016, and a Petition for Review was filed with the Chancery Court for Monroe County and heard before the Chancellor on August 16, 2017.

The complaint alleged that Mr. Maxwell used a portion of a client's cash settlement for a personal expense believing that he could earn that money back quickly to repay his client. Mr. Maxwell advised his client of this after using the funds; however, repayment was delayed as Mr. Maxwell was subsequently suspended for non-payment of his annual registration dues.

Mr. Maxwell's misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping property) and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Mr. Maxwell must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.