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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On June 30, 2017, the Tennessee Supreme Court disbarred Davidson County lawyer, Thomas Holland McKinnie, from the practice of law and ordered that he pay restitution as a condition of reinstatement. Mr. McKinnie must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days of entry of the Order.

On September 23, 2016, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. McKinnie alleging that he misappropriated funds from a trust that he prepared for the benefit of a minor child. Over a period of two years Mr. McKinnie wrote checks to himself from the trust account in the total amount of \$196,469.05. Mr. McKinnie closed the trust account on October 9, 2014, after the funds had been depleted. In January of 2015, Mr. McKinnie failed to pay the school tuition beneficiary, which resulted in the termination of the child's enrollment. Mr. McKinnie did not file a response, and a default judgment was entered against him.

The Hearing Panel found that Mr. McKinnie violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(a) (b) and (c), (misconduct).

Mr. McKinnie must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys, and the procedure for reinstatement.

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