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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: MICHAEL JOHN MCNULTY, BPR #25974**  
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**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

On February 15, 2018, Michael John McNulty, of Nashville, Tennessee, was disbarred from the practice of law effective immediately by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. In addition, Mr. McNulty must make restitution to two clients as a condition of reinstatement. Mr. McNulty must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Mr. McNulty signed two clients' names to settlement checks without their permission, misappropriated the settlement funds and made misrepresentations to the clients that the checks had not been received. In several matters, Mr. McNulty did not represent clients diligently, did not communicate with them and did not respond to the Board's requests for information.

Mr. McNulty's ethical misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, Competence; 1.2, Scope of Representation; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5, Fees; 1.15, Safekeeping Property and Funds; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 8.1, Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a), (b), (c) and (g), Misconduct.

On March 9, 2017, Mr. McNulty was temporarily suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for posing a threat of substantial harm to the public. As Mr. McNulty is now disbarred, the temporary suspension is dissolved.

Mr. McNulty must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.