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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL JOHN MCNULTY, BPR #025974
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December 5, 2018

BRADLEY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective December 5, 2018, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred Michael John McNulty from the practice of law and ordered him to pay restitution to one client in the amount of \$1,125.00. Mr. McNulty is required to pay the costs and expenses of the Board of Professional Responsibility and the court costs within ninety (90) days.

On January 29, 2018, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Michael John McNulty containing two (2) complaints of ethical misconduct. In the first complaint, Mr. McNulty received \$1,125.00 for legal services but provided minimal services and ultimately abandoned the representation of the client. As a result of Mr. McNulty's abandonment, the client was compelled to hire new counsel. In the second complaint, Mr. McNulty falsified an email communication related to a client's matter. Mr. McNulty sent an email to a medical provider which purported to be sent from an attorney who no longer worked at Mr. McNulty's firm. Mr. McNulty did not answer the Petition for Discipline or appear at the final hearing.

Mr. McNulty's ethical misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communications; 1.5(a), Fees; 1.16(d), Declining and Terminating Representation; 4.1(a), Truthfulness in Statements to Others; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a) and (c), Misconduct.

Mr. McNulty was disbarred in a prior disciplinary matter on February 15, 2018. That disbarment remains in effect. Mr. McNulty must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.