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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: EVERETT HOGE MECHEM, BPR #011854
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SULLIVAN COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On April 3, 2019, Everett Hoge Mechem was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.1. Mr. Mechem must pay restitution to one client and pay the costs of the disciplinary hearing. Mr. Mechem was previously disbarred by order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered April 28, 2017, and had not been reinstated from this disbarment.

On February 23, 2018, a Petition for Discipline was filed containing one (1) complaint of misconduct. Mr. Mechem represented clients in a personal injury lawsuit and accepted a settlement that was not authorized by his clients. Further, after depositing the settlement funds into his trust account, no distribution was made to his clients and Mr. Mechem misappropriated the funds.

Mr. Mechem entered a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting that his conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.2(a) (scope of representation), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4 (a), (b), (c) and (d) (misconduct).

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

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