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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: GEORGE AVERY MOTT, BPR #25039
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On December 27, 2017, George Avery Mott was suspended from the practice of law by the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Mott is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year with thirty (30) days active suspension and the remaining time to be served on probation. As conditions of his probation, Mr. Mott shall engage a practice monitor, make restitution to five clients, and refrain from incurring any new complaints of misconduct that result in the Board's recommendation of discipline. Mr. Mott must pay the Board's costs in this matter within 90 days.

The Board filed a Petition for Discipline due to two (2) complaints arising out of Mr. Mott's conduct in Bankruptcy Court. In the first complaint, Mr. Mott incorrectly informed his client that his annuity would not become property of the trustee if he filed a Chapter 7 petition. The second complaint stemmed from an Agreed Order entered with the trustee based upon the Trustee's Motion to audit five (5) of Mr. Mott's files and limit his practice in Bankruptcy Court. The trustee alleged that Mr. Mott failed to pay filing fees or file Motions for filing fees to be paid in installments, failed to file a pre-trial brief and exhibit list in one case, failed to submit an order to reopen a case once a Motion to reopen was unopposed, and failed to show good communication with his clients. Mr. Mott entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting his violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (a) and (f) (fees), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel) and 8.4 (a) (misconduct).

Mr. Mott must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.