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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ASCHALEW GAUDIE NIGUSSIE, BPR #032278
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TENNESSEE LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective December 3, 2018, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred Aschalew Guadie Nigussie of Decatur, Georgia, from the practice of law in Tennessee and ordered him to pay restitution to one client as a condition of reinstatement. Mr. Nigussie must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days.

A Petition for Discipline consisting of two (2) complaints of misconduct was filed August 14, 2017. The complaints allege Mr. Nigussie accepted fees from clients, performed little if any work on their behalf and abandoned the cases when he ceased communicating with them. Mr. Nigussie did not respond to the Petition for Discipline and an Order for Default Judgment was entered against Mr. Nigussie.

Mr. Nigussie's professional misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5(f) (fees), 1.16 (d) (terminating representation), 8.1 (b) (disciplinary matters) and 8.4 (a) and (d) (conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice).

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

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