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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JANET MONIQUE OKOYE BPR #027923
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TENNESSEE LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective January 6, 2023, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred Janet Monique Okoye from the practice of law and ordered her to pay all costs incurred by the Board of Professional Responsibility.

After a default hearing upon the disciplinary petition, a Hearing Panel found that Ms. Okoye failed to deposit client funds into an IOLTA or other trust account; failed to have an IOLTA or other trust account to keep clients funds; failed to comply with multiple court orders and Special Master reports to deposit funds in her possession with the Court Clerk; knowingly engaged in dishonesty and misrepresentation; failed to respond to the requests of Board for information related to the disciplinary complaint; and failed to participate in the disciplinary proceeding. The Hearing Panel determined the misconduct of Ms. Okoye warranted disbarment.

The preponderance of the evidence established that Ms. Okoye knowingly violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.15(a), (c), and (e) (safekeeping property and funds), 3.4 (fairness to the opposing party and counsel), 8.1(b) (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4(c) (misconduct).

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