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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WENDELL J. O'REILLY, BPR #022217
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WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective March 3, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred Wendell J. O'Reilly from the practice of law and ordered him to pay restitution to his clients.

The Board filed a Petition for Discipline containing two (2) complaints and a Supplemental Petition for Discipline containing one (1) complaint against Mr. O'Reilly. The disciplinary complaints were tried before a Hearing Panel who determined Mr. O'Reilly, while suspended from the practice of law, knowingly engaged in the unauthorized practice of law; failed to adequately communicate with his clients; knowingly misled courts, clients and third parties; knowingly charged excessive fees; failed to safeguard client funds; knowingly failed to comply with final court orders; engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice and failed to respond to the Board about a disciplinary matter.

The Panel found Mr. O'Reilly's actions and omissions violated Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.4(communication), 1.5(fees), 1.15(safekeeping of property), 3.3(candor toward the tribunal), 4.1(truthfulness in statements to others), 5.5(unauthorized practice of law). 8.1(disciplinary matters) and 8.4(a, c, d and g) (misconduct).

Mr. O'Reilly must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, § 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of permanently disbarred attorneys.

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