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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: HOWARD ROBERT CLYDE ORFIELD, BPR #010567**  
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February 19, 2019

**SULLIVAN COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

On February 19, 2019, Howard Robert Clyde Orfield was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.1. Mr. Orfield must pay restitution to one client and consult with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program. Prior to his disbarment, Mr. Orfield was suspended by order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered October 6, 2017, and had not been reinstated from this suspension. Mr. Orfield shall pay the costs of the disciplinary proceeding.

After accepting fee payments for representation in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy case, Mr. Orfield ceased communicating with his client and failed to perform the services for which he was paid. Mr. Orfield later offered to refund the full balance of the fee paid by the client, but has not done so.

Mr. Orfield's ethical misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16 (termination of representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 8.1 (disciplinary matters), and 8.4 (a) and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Orfield 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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