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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ADAM WILDING PARRISH, BPR #21917
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WILSON COUNTY LAWYER PLACED ON PROBATION

On July 30, 2014, Adam Wilding Parrish of Lebanon, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year with said suspension to be served on probation by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Parrish must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on December 18, 2013, based upon two complaints of alleged misconduct by Mr. Parrish. In the first matter, Mr. Parrish was retained to appeal a criminal conviction but failed to file the appropriate documents to perfect the appeal. In the second complaint, Mr. Parrish was retained to represent the wife in a divorce. Mr. Parrish prepared the appropriate paperwork to file the divorce; however, prior to filing the divorce, Mr. Parrish received information from the husband that the parties had reconciled. Mr. Parrish did not confirm the reconciliation with his client or inform her that the divorce complaint was not filed. The wife inquired of Mr. Parrish's office staff concerning the progress of the divorce, and the staff led her to believe the divorce was proceeding. Approximately one (1) year later, the wife discovered the divorce complaint had not been filed. In mitigation, Mr. Parrish obtained a divorce for the client after being informed the parties never reconciled.

Mr. Parrish entered a conditional guilty plea admitting his misconduct. Mr. Parrish's actions violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence); 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication) and 3.2 (expediting litigation).

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