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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN PHILIP PARSONS, BPR #11636**  
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**PUTNAM COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

Effective October 13, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order disbaring John Philip Parsons from the practice of law, retroactive to January 21, 2016, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.1. Mr. Parsons is required to pay the cost of the disciplinary proceeding and restitution.

Four (4) Petitions for Discipline containing nine (9) disciplinary complaints were filed against Mr. Parsons. A Conditional Guilty Plea, executed by Mr. Parsons, was approved by the Hearing Panel on August 30, 2017. Mr. Parsons misappropriated client funds from his trust account, created and filed fraudulent documents with the Appellate Court Clerk, misled his clients regarding the status of their case on appeal, failed to file a notice of appeal and failed to file pleadings and timely respond to discovery. Mr. Parsons' conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence); 1.2 (scope of representation); 1.5 (fees); 1.15 (safekeeping of property and funds); 1.16 (declining or terminating representation); 3.2 (expediting litigation); 3.3 (candor toward tribunal); 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law); 8.1 (bar admissions and disciplinary matters) and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Parsons must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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