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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM ANTHONY PAXTON, BPR #016976
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TENNESSEE LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective February 17, 2025, William Anthony Paxton, a Loudon County Attorney, was suspended by Order of Reciprocal Discipline entered by the Supreme Court of Tennessee on February 17, 2026. Mr. Paxton was suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year with the entire suspension stayed on the condition that he refrain from further misconduct and comply with the Order of the Supreme Court of Ohio entered November 25, 2025. On January 7, 2026, the Supreme Court Tennessee entered a Notice of Reciprocal Discipline directing Mr. Paxton to demonstrate to the Court, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice, why the discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of Ohio should not be imposed by the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Paxton failed to respond to the directive of the Court.

Mr. Paxton 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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