

## BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PHILIP JOSEPH PEREZ, BPR #021920
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## **DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

Effective June 20, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred Philip Joseph Perez from the practice of law pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.1, and ordered Mr. Perez to pay \$2,258.33 in costs incurred to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

The Hearing Panel determined Mr. Perez received retainer fees but failed to provide services; failed to file complaints; misled clients to believe their complaints had been filed; failed to appear for scheduled hearings and motions; failed to return unearned retainer fees; failed to notify clients of his suspension from the practice of law, and that the actions of Mr. Perez were done knowingly and warranted permanent disbarment.

The Hearing Panel found Mr. Perez's actions and omissions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.6 (confidentiality of information), 1.15 (safekeeping of property and funds), 1.16 (declining or terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel), 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4 (misconduct).

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