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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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TENNESSEE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On October 2, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Stephen Kenneth Perry of Alexandria, Virginia from the practice of law for two (2) years, retroactive to the date of his January 2, 2019 temporary suspension pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2(b). As a condition of reinstatement, Mr. Perry must pay restitution to his client and undergo a Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program evaluation. Mr. Perry must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

On July 30, 2019, the Board filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Perry. The Petition included one complaint of misconduct. The Hearing Panel found Mr. Perry essentially abandoned his client's case and failed to respond to the Board in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication, 1.5 (fees), 1.16 (terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 8.1(b) (bar admission and disciplinary matters) and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice).

Mr. Perry shall comply in all aspects with 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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