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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN RYAN POOLE, BPR #035782**  
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March 25, 2022

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

Effective March 25, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended John Ryan Poole from the practice of law for six (6) years, with the first four (4) years being as an active suspension pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, Section 12.2, and the remaining two (2) years served on probation conditioned upon the appointment of a practice monitor.

A Petition, Supplemental, Second Supplemental, and Third Supplemental Petitions for Discipline containing seven (7) complaints were filed by the Board alleging Mr. Poole failed to reasonably communicate with his clients regarding the status of their case, failed to act in a diligent manner, and expedite the clients' litigation, failed to comply with court orders, failed to protect client funds, failed to provide proper notice following temporary suspension, and failed to reply with lawful demands for information from disciplinary counsel.

Mr. Poole executed a conditional guilty plea acknowledging his conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.5 (fees); 1.15 (safekeeping client property); 1.16 (declining and terminating representation); 3.2 (expediting litigation); 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel); 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters); and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Mr. Poole 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.