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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JENNIFER M. PORTH, BPR #026537
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WILSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective February 7, 2023, the Tennessee Supreme Court disbarred Jennifer M. Porth of Wilson County, Tennessee, from the practice of law. Ms. Porth consented to disbarment because she could not successfully defend the charges alleged in a disciplinary petition filed against her.

Ms. Porth represented parties in three different conservatorships. Ms. Porth failed to file accountings, as required by law, in any of these conservatorships. Ms. Porth also represented three estates in probate matters and failed to file any accountings, as required by law, and failed to timely and diligently represent her clients. Ms. Porth misappropriated and converted funds from these estates to her own personal use, failed to abide by her clients' wishes relative to various assets of the estates, failed to properly communicate with the clients, failed to obtain permission from the Court for attorney fees and failed to turn over client materials in a timely manner.

Ms. Porth's ethical misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2 (scope of representation), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel), and 8.4(a), (c), (d) and (g) (misconduct).

Ms. Porth must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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