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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CANDES VONNIEST PREWITT, BPR #031269
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On June 6, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Candes Vonniest Prewitt from the practice of law in Tennessee for a period of thirty (30) days, with conditions for reinstatement.

The Supreme Court found Ms. Prewitt failed to make proper expert disclosures under the discovery rules; withdrew from the representation without filing a response to opposing counsel's motion for summary judgment or advising her client of the filing of the motion; failed to advise her client of the conflict of interest created by their personal relationship and obtain a written waiver of the conflict from her client; put her personal interest ahead of her client's interest by asserting a lien against any future recovery after withdrawing from representation; failed to timely advise her client of the filing of her motion to withdraw and failed to cooperate with her client's new attorney.

The Supreme Court found Ms. Prewitt's conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.7 (a)(2) (conflict of interest), 1.16 declining or terminating representation) and 8.4 (a) (misconduct).

Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28.1, the suspension is effective upon entry of the order by the Court. Ms. Prewitt 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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