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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KARL EMMANUEL PULLEY, BPR #012761
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective June 8, 2021, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Karl Emmanuel Pulley from the practice of law for one (1) year with thirty (30) days being served as an active suspension pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 12.2 and 14.1, and the remainder served on probation conditioned upon the appointment of a practice monitor.

A Petition and Supplemental Petition for Discipline containing four complaints was filed by the Board. Mr. Pulley executed a conditional guilty plea acknowledging he failed to reasonably communicate with his clients regarding the status of their cases; failed to act in a diligent manner and expedite the clients' litigation; failed to timely respond to discovery requests; charged a non-refundable fee without the client executing a written fee agreement; accepted client referrals from a non-registered intermediary organization; and failed to take reasonable steps to protect the client's interest after terminating the representation in violation of Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.5 (fees); 3.4(d) (fairness to opposing party and counsel); 1.16 (terminating representation); 7.6 (intermediary organization) and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Mr. Pulley 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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