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RUTHERFORD COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective August 29, 2025, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Andre Chase Rabideau from the practice of law for seven (7) years, the entirety of which is an active suspension pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2. Mr. Rabideau must satisfy certain conditions prior to seeking reinstatement, including completion of a practice and professional enhancement program, contacting the Tennessee Lawyer Assistance Program, completing any requirements imposed by the Tennessee Lawyer Assistance Program, and paying restitution payments to the four (4) former clients. Upon his reinstatement to the practice of law, Mr. Rabideau must engage a practice monitor for two (2) years.

A Petition for Discipline containing seven (7) complaints was filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility against Mr. Rabideau. The Hearing Panel concluded that Mr. Rabideau failed to represent his clients in a diligent manner; failed to reasonably communicate with his clients regarding the status of their case; repeatedly made misrepresentations to clients concerning court dates and filings with the court; misrepresented the status of his license to a court; engaged in the unauthorized practice of law; accepted fees but failed to provide the professional services for which he had been retained; failed to inform his clients of his administrative suspension from the practice of law and withdraw from representation; and abandoned his representation of clients without notice to clients or permission of court. The Hearing Panel found Mr. Rabideau violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 1.16 (declining or terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel), 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), 8.1(b) (misconduct), and 8.4 (c), (d), and (g) (misconduct).

Mr. Rabideau 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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