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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: BRIAN CHADWICK RICKMAN, BPR #017534
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KNOX COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective March 28, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Brian Chadwick Rickman from the practice of law for one (1) year pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2.

An Amended Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Rickman, alleging unethical conduct during the litigation of a contentious child custody matter. After a hearing on the disciplinary complaints, a Hearing Panel found Mr. Rickman intentionally and knowingly engaged in abusive and obstreperous conduct intended to disrupt the proceedings of the tribunal and continued this unethical behavior despite multiple warnings from the court. The Hearing Panel further found Mr. Rickman made statements in open court and in pleadings that were knowingly false or made with reckless disregard as to the truth of the statements, impugning the integrity and reputation of the presiding judge.

The Hearing Panel found the above conduct by Mr. Rickman violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.5(e) (Impartiality and Decorum of the Tribunal), 8.2(a)(1) (Judicial and Legal Officials), and 8.4(a) and (d) (Misconduct).

Mr. Rickman 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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