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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: BRIAN CHADWICK RICKMAN, BPR NO. 017534
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective September 11, 2023, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended attorney Brian Chadwick Rickman from the practice of law for five (5) years pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2. Two (2) years will be served as an active suspension with the remaining three (3) years served as a probationary period.

A Petition and Supplemental Petition for Discipline containing six (6) complaints were filed by the Board against Mr. Rickman alleging that Mr. Rickman repeatedly failed to ensure the safekeeping of client funds, failed to protect clients against the misconduct of his supervising employer, and failed to report the misconduct of his supervisors to the court or to the Board. Further, Mr. Rickman failed to comply with court orders directing the disbursement of client funds and failed to comply with requests for information from Disciplinary Counsel. Additionally, Mr. Rickman, while suspended from the practice of law, failed to notify the court and opposing counsel of his suspension in compliance with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, § 28.

Mr. Rickman executed a Conditional Guilty plea acknowledging his conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2 (Scope of Representation); 1.15 (Safekeeping Property and Funds); 3.4 (Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel); 5.1 (Responsibilities of Supervisory Lawyers); 8.1(b) (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters), 8.3 (Reporting Professional Misconduct), and 8.4(d) and (g) (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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