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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: GEORGE E. SKOUTERIS, JR., BPR #13417
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MEMPHIS LAWYER DISBARRED

On February 21, 2014, George Ernest Skouteris, Jr., of Memphis, Tennessee, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Skouteris appealed the decision of a Hearing Panel finding that he should be disbarred from the practice of law and requiring him to pay restitution to two (2) complainants. Upon review, the Tennessee Supreme Court concluded that the Board of Professional Responsibility presented uncontroverted evidence that after accepting and depositing settlement checks for six (6) clients, Mr. Skouteris failed to maintain sufficient funds in his trust account to cover those settlements. He failed to provide competent representation to his clients and failed to respond to their requests for information. Mr. Skouteris failed to use written contingency fee agreements. He failed to keep client funds separate from his personal funds by depositing one (1) settlement into an operating account. Finally, he failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility regarding three (3) complaints of misconduct. By his conduct, Mr. Skouteris engaged in dishonesty, deceit and misrepresentation, and engaged in conduct that was prejudicial to the administration of justice.

His actions violate the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 1.1; Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5(c), Fees; 1.15(a) and (c), Safekeeping Property; 1.16(d), Declining and Terminating Representation; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a), (b), (c), and (d), Misconduct.

Mr. Skouteris must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18. Further, any future request to resume the practice of law in Tennessee shall be governed by Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 30 (2014).

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