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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: HARRY MAX SPEIGHT, BPR #7455
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WEAKLY COUNTY LAWYER HELD IN CRIMINAL CONTEMPT

On September 26, 2016, the Supreme Court adopted the recommendation of a Special Master and held Harry Max Speight of Weakly County, Tennessee in criminal contempt and ordered that he pay a fifty dollar (\$50) fine. The Court had previously entered Orders of Enforcement on August 14, 2008 and November 2, 2011, disbarring Mr. Speight from the practice of law.

The Board filed a Petition for Criminal Contempt on December 11, 2014, alleging that Mr. Speight had failed to comply with the Supreme Court's Orders of Disbarment, and was engaged in the practice of law in connection with a real estate transaction. The Supreme Court appointed a Special Master and a hearing was conducted on November 20, 2015. In the report and recommendation, the special master found Mr. Speight guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of criminal contempt pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-9-102 (3). Due to mitigating factors found by the Special Master, he recommended the minimum punishment with no confinement.

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