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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PAUL JAMES SPRINGER, BPR #021267
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective May 24, 2019, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred Paul James Springer from the practice of law. A Petition for Discipline consisting of three (3) complaints was filed May 29, 2015.

After a hearing upon the disciplinary petitions, a Hearing Panel determined Mr. Springer failed to reasonably communicate with his clients; made false representations to the court, his clients, and opposing counsel; failed to provide his clients with copies of their file; failed to comply with court orders; failed to issue summonses in a timely manner; engaged in fraud, deceit and misrepresentation; failed to file appropriate documents in court; failed to file timely appeals; filed frivolous appeals; and made material misrepresentations to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Mr. Springer's professional misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence); 1.2 (scope of representation and allocation of authority between client and lawyer); 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.16 (declining or terminating representation); 3.3 (candor toward the tribunal); 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel); 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters); and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Springer must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.