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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: PAUL JAMES SPRINGER, BPR #021267**  
**CONTACT: JERRY MORGAN**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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May 24, 2019

**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.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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Appellate Courts

**IN RE: PAUL JAMES SPRINGER, BPR #021267**

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

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**No. M2019-00801-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2015-2460-9-AW

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Paul James Springer on May 29, 2015; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed by the Board on October 28, 2015; upon a Notice from the Board of Professional Responsibility It Is Striking the Motion for Default Judgment filed on November 9, 2015; upon Response to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Springer on November 9, 2015; upon a final hearing before a hearing panel on September 14, 2017; upon an Order on Disciplinary Hearing entered December 11, 2017; upon service of the Order on Disciplinary Hearing upon Mr. Springer by the Executive Secretary of the Board on December 11, 2017; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs filed December 22, 2017; upon the Hearing Panel's Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered January 10, 2018; upon service of the Hearing Panel's Judgment for Assessment of Costs upon Mr. Springer by the Executive Secretary of the Board on January 10, 2018; upon a Motion to Alter or Amend the Hearing Panel's Order on Disciplinary Hearing or in the Alternative Make Additional Findings of Facts filed by Mr. Springer on January 11, 2018; upon the Board filing its Response of Board in Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Alter or Amend the Hearing Panel's Order on Disciplinary Hearing or in the Alternative Make Additional Findings of Fact on January 24, 2018; upon the Hearing Panel's Order Denying Respondent's Motion to Alter or Amend filed February 7, 2018; upon service of the Order Denying Respondent's Motion to Alter or Amend on Mr. Springer by the Executive Secretary of the Board on February 7, 2018; upon Mr. Springer's filing a Petition for Certiorari with the Chancery Court for the Thirtieth Judicial District at Memphis on April 9, 2018; upon Mr. Springer filing a Motion for Extension of Time to File Hearing Brief for Writ of Certiorari on September 24, 2018; upon the Response of Board of Professional Responsibility to Motion for Extension of Time to File Hearing

(3) Additionally, Mr. Springer shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Springer shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$6,217.81 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(6) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM