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

Effective October 2, 2018, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred Paul James Springer from the practice of law and ordered him to pay restitution to clients totaling \$21,855.00. A Petition for Discipline consisting of four (4) complaints was filed February 14, 2017, and a Supplemental Petition consisting of seven (7) complaints was filed August 14, 2017.

After a hearing upon the disciplinary petitions, a Hearing Panel determined Mr. Springer failed to reasonably communicate with his clients, failed to attend scheduled meetings, failed to notify clients of court dates, failed to respond to motions, discovery requests, and show cause orders, continued to practice law after suspension of his license, failed to notify clients of his suspension, failed to withdraw as attorney of record, failed to refund unearned retainers, failed to provide substantive professional services to his clients, failed to file suit in a timely manner, and made material misrepresentations to clients regarding the status of their case.

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); 1.7 (conflict of interest); 1.16 (declining or terminating representation); 4.2 (communication with a person represented by 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, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.