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

Effective March 26, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred Paul James Springer from the practice of law and ordered him to pay restitution to his client in the amount of \$150,000.00. A Petition for Discipline consisting of two (2) complaints was filed November 26, 2018.

After a hearing upon the disciplinary petition, a Hearing Panel determined Mr. Springer misappropriated settlement funds belonging to his client, made material misrepresentations to his client, failed to reasonably communicate with his client, engaged in the unauthorized practice of law, failed to notify clients of his suspension and withdraw as attorney of record, and engaged in criminal conduct as well as conduct involving dishonesty, deceit, misrepresentations and fraud. 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); 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds); 1.16 (declining or terminating representation); 4.2 (communication with a person represented by counsel); 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law); 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters); and 8.4 (a), (b), (c), and (g) (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.

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