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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: PAUL JAMES SPRINGER, BPR #021267**  
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June 4, 2021

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

Effective June 4, 2021, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred Paul James Springer from the practice of law and ordered him to pay restitution to his client in the amount of \$6,247.34, close his law firm IOLTA account, and pay all costs incurred to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

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, and engaged in criminal conduct as well as conduct involving dishonesty, deceit, misrepresentations and fraud and knowingly failed to comply with a final court order entered in a proceeding in which he was a party.

Mr. Springer's actions and omissions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2 (scope of representation and allocation of authority between client and lawyer), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 8.1(b) (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4(a), (b), (c) and (g) (misconduct).

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