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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KEVIN WILLIAM TEETS, JR. BPR #029981
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective January 3, 2024, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Kevin William Teets, Jr., from the practice of law for four (4) years, with fifteen (15) months being an active suspension and the remaining thirty-three (33) months served on probation, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, with his probation conditioned upon continued participation in his treatment and recovery plan under a TLAP monitoring agreement for the full period of his probation, practicing only in a group setting under the supervision of a practice monitor for a minimum of twelve (12) months upon the commencement of his probation, payment of the Board's costs of \$5,089.00, and developing a payment plan for payment of \$55,157.50 in restitution while on probation to the eight (8) victims listed in Exhibit A to the Hearing Panel's judgment in accordance with the amounts specified therein.

The disciplinary action involved nine (9) matters in which Mr. Teets committed ethical violations by failing to provide competent representation; by failing to act with reasonable diligence; by failing to communicate with client(s) or keep them informed of significant events and developments in their cases; by charging unreasonable fees and failing to refund unearned fees; by failing to withdraw from representation after the suspension of his law license and by withdrawing or terminating representation without taking steps to protect his client(s)'s interest; by engaging in the unauthorized practice of law; by listing his bar registration number inaccurately on a pleading filed in court; by knowingly failing to respond to demands for information from the Board of Professional Responsibility; by engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation; by engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice; and by knowingly failing to comply with a court order in a proceeding in which he was a party.

The Hearing Panel found the conduct of Mr. Teets violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5(a) (fees), 1.16(a)(1) (terminating representation), 5.5(a)

(unauthorized practice of law), 7.1(a) (false or misleading communication about lawyer), 8.1(b) failure to respond to demand for information in disciplinary matters), 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and 8.4(g) (knowing failure to comply with court order).

Mr. Teets must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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