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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PAUL JULIUS WALWYN, BPR #18263
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On August 4, 2017, Paul Julius Walwyn, of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended for one (1) year by order of the Tennessee Supreme Court, effective August 4, 2017. Six (6) months of the suspension is to be served as active suspension. The remainder of the suspension is to be served on probation with the conditions that Mr. Walwyn engage a practice monitor to supervise his office management procedures and that he complete an additional six (6) hours of continuing legal education on subjects related to the management of a law practice and/or client communication.

Mr. Walwyn was appointed to represent a defendant on appeal in a criminal case. He failed to file a notice of appeal. He waited three and one-half years before filing a motion to accept a late appeal. He did not adequately communicate with his client. Mr. Walwyn has been twice disciplined for similar misconduct in the past.

A hearing panel recommended that Mr. Walwyn be publicly censured, retain a practice monitor for one year and complete an additional six hours of continuing legal education on subjects related to the management of a law practice and/or client communication. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 15.4, the Supreme Court found that the hearing panel's punishment was inadequate. It modified the judgment of the hearing panel as set forth above.

Mr. Walwyn's ethical misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; and 8.4(a) and (d), Misconduct.

Mr. Walwyn must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys. Mr. Walwyn must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.