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> RELEASE OF INFORMATION RE: PAUL JULIUS WALWYN, BPR #18263 **CONTACT: KRISANN HODGES** BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY 615-361-7500

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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On December 3, 2015, Paul Julius Walwyn, of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for six (6) months, with thirty (30) days to be served as active suspension and the remainder on probation. As conditions of probation, Mr. Walwyn must have a practice monitor and obtain six (6) additional hours of continuing legal education. The Order is effective December 13, 2015. 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.

A hearing panel determined that in his handling of three separate criminal appeals, Mr. Walwyn failed to timely file transcripts, briefs and other pleadings despite multiple orders by the Court of Criminal Appeals requiring that he do so. As a result, Mr. Walwyn was held in contempt on two occasions by the Court of Criminal Appeals. He also failed to adequately communicate with his clients. Mr. Walwyn appealed the hearing panel's findings to the Davidson County Circuit Court and the Tennessee Supreme Court, both of which affirmed the decision of the hearing panel.

Mr. Walwyn's actions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4 (a) and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Walwyn must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 (2006) and 30 (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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