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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ALAN G. WARD, BPR #18949
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BENTON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On November 3, 2017, Alan G. Ward was disbarred from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Ward must also make restitution to a client. Mr. Ward must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Mr. Ward failed to handle an urgent child custody petition expeditiously. He caused signatures on a pleading to be falsely dated. He failed to communicate with the child's guardian ad litem. When terminated by his clients, he failed to promptly return their file. He did not refund the unearned portion of his fee. In a separate matter, Mr. Ward was appointed to represent two indigent defendants in the Court of Criminal Appeals in two different cases. He failed to file a brief on behalf of his clients. He failed to respond to orders from the Court of Criminal Appeals. He abandoned his representation of the clients.

Mr. Ward's ethical misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4(a), Communication; 1.5(a), Fees; 1.16(d)(3), (4) and (6), Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 3.3(a)(1), Candor toward the Tribunal; 3.4(c), Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a) and (c), Misconduct.

Mr. Ward must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.