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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MARTIN ALAN WEISS, BPR #012295
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On March 26, 2019, Martin Alan Weiss was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. As conditions of his reinstatement, Mr. Weiss must make restitution in the amount of \$57,769.00. He must obtain an evaluation by the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) and enter into a monitoring agreement, if appropriate. Mr. Weiss must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

On November 15, 2018, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Weiss alleging that he misappropriated funds from eighteen personal injury settlements. When distributing the money upon settling these clients' cases, Mr. Weiss withheld an amount sufficient to pay what each client owed to the clinic where they had been treated. Rather than paying the money that had been withheld to the clinic, Mr. Weiss kept the money for his personal use.

Mr. Weiss entered into a conditional guilty plea admitting that his actions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2(a), Scope of Representation; 1.4, Communication; 1.5(c), Fees; 1.15(a) and (d), Safekeeping Property and Funds; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a) and (c), Misconduct.

On July 25, 2018, Mr. Weiss was temporarily suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for posing a threat of substantial harm to the public. As Mr. Weiss is now disbarred, the temporary suspension is dissolved.

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

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