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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: SAMUEL ERVIN WHITE, BPR NO. 029973**  
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**SULLIVAN COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

Effective June 26, 2025, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Samuel Ervin White from the practice of law for five (5) years pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, with two (2) years active suspension, and the remainder served on probation pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 14.1. The Supreme Court further ordered Mr. White to engage a practice monitor and pay restitution to clients and costs in the disciplinary matter.

A Petition for Discipline containing five (5) complaints was filed by the Board alleging Mr. White failed to reasonably communicate with his clients regarding the status of their case, failed to act in a diligent manner, failed to expedite client litigation, failed to timely respond to discovery requests, charged a non-refundable fee without the client executing a written agreement, charged an unreasonable fee, comingled client assets, misappropriated client funds, and failed to withdraw from representation following suspension.

Mr. White executed a conditional guilty plea acknowledging his conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16 (terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4(c) (knowingly disobeying obligation under rules of tribunal), 4.1 (truthfulness in statements to others), and 8.4(a)(d) (misconduct).

Mr. White 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.