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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: HAL WILKES WILKINS, BPR #17830
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On July 22, 2014, Hal Wilkes Wilkins, of Nashville, Tennessee, was disbarred from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Wilkins was ordered to pay restitution to two (2) former clients, or to the Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection, if appropriate, in the amount of \$3,500.00. Finally, Mr. Wilkins must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on January 2, 2014, and involves two (2) complaints of misconduct. Mr. Wilkins was retained to represent a client on two charges in the Davidson County General Sessions Court and was paid a retainer to represent the client in both cases. After the first hearing, Mr. Wilkins failed to communicate with his client. The client had to retain another lawyer who was able to continue the representation.

In another case, Mr. Wilkins failed to respond to discovery and ceased communicating with his client. Mr. Wilkins never responded to Disciplinary Counsel regarding these complaints and did not respond to the Petition for Discipline.

Mr. Wilkins' actions violated RPC 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16(d) Declining or Terminating Representation, and 8.1(b) Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters. Mr. Wilkins must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 (2006) and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 30.4 (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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