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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: HAL WILKES WILKINS, BPR #017830
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On June 6, 2018, Hal Wilkes Wilkins, of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended for one year from the practice of law, effective immediately, by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Wilkins must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

The Board filed a Petition for Discipline arising from one complaint of ethical misconduct alleging that Mr. Wilkins, who was disbarred on July 22, 2014, and again on January 28, 2015, sought and opened a lawyer's trust account during the period of disbarment. Mr. Wilkins held himself out as a lawyer admitted to practice in this jurisdiction in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law) and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 (2006) and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 30.4 (2014) which require disbarred lawyers to "take such action as is necessary to cause the removal of any indicia of lawyer, counselor at law, legal assistant, law clerk, or similar title."

The Court ordered Mr. Wilkins to close the bank account within thirty (30) days, or be subject to contempt proceedings.

Mr. Wilkins must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.