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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: FRED AUSTON WORTMAN, III, BPR #24808**  
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December 7, 2015

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

On December 4, 2015, the Tennessee Supreme Court disbarred Fred Auston Wortman, III, from the practice of law. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 23 (2014), the disbarment was entered with the consent of Mr. Wortman as evidenced by his affidavit indicating Mr. Wortman cannot successfully defend himself against the charges alleged in three complaints of misconduct pending before the Board of Professional Responsibility. Mr. Wortman conceded that he had violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4.

On June 23, 2015, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Fred Auston Wortman, III, from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Wortman posed a threat of substantial harm to the public. Mr. Wortman's temporary suspension was dissolved by the December 4, 2015, Order of Enforcement.

Mr. Wortman must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30 (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys. Mr. Wortman is required to pay the costs of this proceeding to the Court and to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

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