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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM STEVEN TAYLOR, BPR #14163
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On June 14, 2017, William Steven Taylor was publicly censured by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. As conditions of his public censure, Mr. Taylor must engage a practice monitor, undergo an audit of his trust account, replace funds in his trust account, open a new trust account and obtain one additional hour of continuing legal education in the mechanics of trust accounting. Mr. Taylor must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Mr. Taylor represented a client in a workers compensation matter. He deposited the proceeds of a settlement to his trust account. He was to use a portion of those funds to pay one of his client's health care providers. He failed to timely pay the provider, failed to retain those funds in his trust account, and kept inadequate trust accounting records.

Mr. Taylor's ethical misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15, Safekeeping Property and Funds; and 8.4, Misconduct.

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