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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM LEON HENDRICKS, JR., BPR #11527
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On September 17, 2015, William Leon Hendricks, of Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for four (4) years, retroactive to April 30, 2013, with two (2) years active suspension and two (2) years of probation. The order is effective September 27, 2015. Mr. Hendricks must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Mr. Hendricks represented the owners of companies against whom the Department of Commerce and Insurance filed suit to seize and liquidate the companies because they were providing nonexistent insurance and were unlawfully engaging in the business of insurance without licensure. Despite an injunction against transferring the assets of the business, Mr. Hendricks participated in transferring some of the companies' assets and continuing to transact the business of the companies under new names. He was charged with contempt for violating the injunction. He was indicted and received pretrial diversion for facilitation to commit a Class B felony. In mitigation, he claims he was duped by his clients who are under federal indictment for their roles in the scheme. Mr. Hendricks has fully cooperated with law enforcement and has not challenged his temporary suspension pending resolution of the criminal matter and the Petition for Discipline.

Mr. Hendricks' actions violated RPC 1.16(b) (declining and terminating representation), 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel) and 8.4(a) and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Hendricks must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 (2006) and 30 (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.