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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WESLEY LYNN HATMAKER, BPR #14880
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CAMPBELL COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On August 10, 2017, Wesley Lynn Hatmaker, of Jacksboro, Tennessee, was disbarred from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. In addition, Mr. Hatmaker must make restitution as a condition of his reinstatement. The order is effective August 10, 2017. Mr. Hatmaker must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Mr. Hatmaker misappropriated client funds, failed to communicate with and diligently represent clients, failed to properly terminate his relationship with clients, practiced law while temporarily suspended and failed to respond to requests for information from the Board. Mr. Hatmaker pled guilty to four counts of theft over \$60,000 and two counts of theft over \$10,000.

Mr. Hatmaker's ethical misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3, Diligence; 1.4(a), Communication; 1.15(a) and (d), Safekeeping Property and Funds; 1.16(d), Declining and Terminating Representation; 5.5(a), Unauthorized Practice of Law; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a), (b), (c) and (g), Misconduct.

On October 3, 2016, Mr. Hatmaker was disbarred for misappropriating funds from clients, and failing to communicate with and diligently represent clients. That disbarment remains in effect.

Mr. Hatmaker must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.