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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES MAURICE AGEE, JR., BPR #005042
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DYER COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 29, 2021, Charles Maurice Agee, Jr., an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In the representation of a criminal defendant, Mr. Agee requested that his legal assistant communicate with the prosecutor to seek a continuance of the client's upcoming preliminary hearing because of a conflicting obligation in a court in another county. Mr. Agee did not personally speak or communicate directly with the prosecutor. The legal assistant communicated directly with the prosecutor and advised Mr. Agee that the prosecutor had agreed to the continuance. Mr. Agee appeared in Court on the morning of the preliminary hearing and advised the Court that he had spoken directly with the prosecutor by email and she had agreed to the continuance. Mr. Agee's statement omitted the fact that his communications with the prosecutor were entirely conducted through his legal assistant. The prosecutor was not in the courtroom when the statement was made. The prosecutor later confirmed to the Presiding Judge that she had not agreed to continue the preliminary hearing.

By these acts, Charles Maurice Agee, Jr., has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.3(a)(1) (candor towards the tribunal), 5.3 (responsibilities regarding nonlawyer assistance), and 8.4(c) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.