December 22, 2021

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On December 21, 2021, Melissa June Anderson, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Anderson failed to create and maintain appropriate trust account bookkeeping protocols for her law office, breaching her managerial obligation to ensure that her office acted in compliance with the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. As a result of Ms. Anderson’s conduct, a check drawn on the firm’s trust account was returned for insufficient funds.

By these acts, Melissa June Anderson has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds) and 5.1 (responsibilities of managerial and supervisory lawyers) and is hereby publicly censured for these violations.

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

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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: MELISSA JUNE ANDERSON, #024292
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

FILE NO.: 68072n-5-SC

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Melissa June Anderson, #024292, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December 10, 2021.

Ms. Anderson failed to create and maintain appropriate trust account bookkeeping protocols for her law office, breaching her managerial obligation to ensure that her office acted in compliance with the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. As a result of Ms. Anderson’s conduct, a check drawn on the firm’s trust account was returned for insufficient funds.

By these acts, Ms. Anderson has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds) and 5.1 (responsibilities of managerial and supervisory lawyers). For this conduct, Ms. Anderson is hereby publicly censured with the condition that she engage a practice monitor as set forth in Rule 9, Sec. 12.9, for a period of one year.
FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

\[\text{Signature}\]
Floyd S. Fippin, Chair

12/21/21
Date