

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

IN RE: John Stephen Anderson, #12367
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Hawkins County)

FILE NO. 42963c-1-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against John Stephen Anderson, 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 8, 2017.

A client hired Mr. Anderson to represent her in a car accident. Though Mr. Anderson filed a lawsuit, he did not timely serve process on the defendant. For three years, Mr. Anderson falsely told his client he was in the process of trying to settle the case. The lawsuit was dismissed by the court.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Anderson is in violation of Rules 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16 (termination of representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 8.1 (disciplinary matters), 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and is hereby Publicly Censured or these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jimmie C. Miller

Jimmie C. Miller, Chair

January 11, 2018

Date