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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: BEDE O. M. ANYANWU, BPR #024293
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June 15, 2018

MADISON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On June 15, 2018, Bede O. M. Anyanwu, of Madison County, Tennessee, was publicly censured by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. The Court ordered Mr. Anyanwu to pay costs and expenses to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

On May 8, 2017, a Petition for Discipline containing one (1) complaint was filed against Mr. Anyanwu. Prior to the final hearing, Mr. Anyanwu executed a conditional guilty plea acknowledging he delayed for a period of fifteen (15) months taking the steps necessary to perfect service of a divorce complaint on the non-resident defendant. Mr. Anyanwu's conduct violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence).

For these violations, the Supreme Court of Tennessee publicly censured Mr. Anyanwu. 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 THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: BEDE O. M. ANYANWU, BPR #024293
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Madison County)

No. M2018-01106-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2017-2715-7-AW

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Bede O. M. Anyanwu on May 8, 2017; upon Mr. Anyanwu's Answer to the Petition filed May 31, 2017; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Anyanwu on April 26, 2018; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered May 8, 2018; upon service of the Order of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Anyanwu by the Executive Secretary of the Board on May 9, 2018; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 8, 2018; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court accepts the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4, Bede O. M. Anyanwu is hereby Publicly Censured.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Anyanwu shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$890.28 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(3) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

PER CURIAM