

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

IN RE: Bede O.M. Anyanwu, Respondent,
BPR# 24293, an attorney licensed to
practice law in Tennessee.
(Madison County)

FILE NO. 62237-7-KB

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Bede O.M. Anyanwu, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on June 12, 2020.

Mr. Anyanwu raised claims in a civil pleading which had no factual or legal basis. Mr. Anyanwu had an obligation to withdraw such claims upon his determination that the claims could not be supported but failed to do so. Mr. Anyanwu failed to keep his client informed of fees he had billed during the representation and many of Mr. Anyanwu's fees were unreasonable based upon the amount of time charged for simple and administrative tasks. Mr. Anyanwu also revealed confidential information in his Motion to Withdraw by stating that his client's claims were personally repugnant and could not be defended.

By the aforementioned acts, Bede O.M. Anyanwu has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.6 (confidentiality), 3.1 (meritorious claims), and 8.4(a) and (d) (misconduct), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. As a condition of the Public Censure, Mr. Anyanwu is prohibited from seeking payment for any outstanding balance owed by his client.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S. Flippin

Floyd Flippin, Chair

7-17-20

Date