

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

IN RE: Julie Byrd Ashworth, BPR #013736
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 101159-2025-9-ES-INV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Julie Byrd Ashworth, 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 this matter at its meeting on September 12, 2025.

Ms. Ashworth represented a wife in a divorce in which it was alleged that the wife had engaged in extramarital affairs. At an informal mediation and without the client's permission, Ms. Ashworth told opposing counsel that she was aware that her client had been seen with another man. At a subsequent hearing, without opposing counsel being present, Ms. Ashworth responded to questions from the judge about her client's alleged romantic relationship.

By the aforementioned acts, Julie Byrd Ashworth has violated Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.6 (confidentiality) and 3.5(b) (impartiality of the tribunal) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

L. M. Schmidt

Culver Schmid, Chair

October 29, 2025

Date