

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

IN RE: WILLIAM CLARK BARNES, JR., BPR NO. 011399  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Maury County)

FILE NO.  
100662-2024-6-MH-INV

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against William Clark Barnes, Jr., #011399, 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 June 13, 2024.

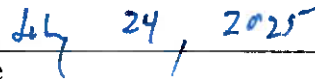
Mr. Barnes was representing a juvenile at a detention hearing in juvenile court. As part of the detention hearing, the parties were looking for viable options to place the juvenile as an alternative to Juvenile Detention. Eventually, Mr. Barnes was able to secure placement for the juvenile with a family member. Mr. Barnes informed the Magistrate that there was an agreement between the parties for placement of the juvenile; however, Mr. Barnes had not discussed this placement with the opposing attorney. The Magistrate drafted the Order and gave it to Mr. Barnes to sign. Mr. Barnes signed his name and also signed the opposing attorney's signature. Mr. Barnes did not have permission to sign the opposing attorney's signature.

By these acts, Mr. Barnes has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.3 (candor towards the tribunal), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel), and 8.4 (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



R. Culver Schmid, Chair



Date