

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

IN RE: Carol Ann Barron, BPR #016580
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Rhea County)

FILE NO. 101437-2025-3-ES-INV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Carol Ann Barron, 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 December 12, 2025.

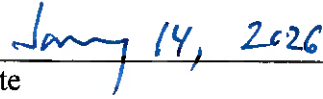
Ms. Barron is a notary public, and she needed to notarize the signatures of her clients and the opposing party in a transfer of property. Ms. Barron's notary stamp was not in her office, but her assistant is also a notary and the assistant's stamp was in the office. Ms. Barron called the assistant and received permission to use the assistant's notary stamp. Ms. Barron then notarized the signatures of her clients and the opposing party by signing the assistant's name and using the assistant's notary stamp on a deed. Ms. Barron did not indicate that she was signing someone else's name "with permission."

By these acts, Carol Ann Barron has violated the Rules of Professional Conduct 4.1 (truthfulness in statements to others) and 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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Culver Schmid, Chair

A handwritten date in blue ink, "January 14, 2026", written above a horizontal line.

Date