

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

IN RE: Charles Matthew Bates, Respondent,  
BPR# 20609, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee.  
(Lawrence County)

FILE NO. 57828-6-KB

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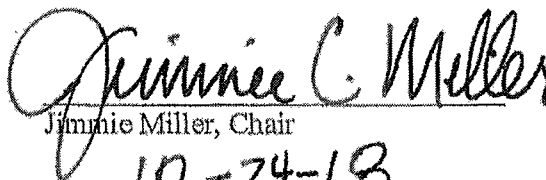
PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Charles Matthew Bates, 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 September 14, 2018.

Mr. Bates practiced law by appearing in court on behalf of a number of clients while his license to practice law was administratively suspended for failure to comply with his annual registration and IOLTA reporting requirements. By the aforementioned acts, Charles Matthew Bates, has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
Jimmie Miller, Chair

10-24-18  
Date