

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

IN RE: CINDY POWELL BICE, BPR NO. 024927  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Hamilton County)

FILE NO. 75012-3-SC

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Cindy Powell Bice, #024927, 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 December 13, 2024.


Ms. Bice represented a client in a child support modification case. During the case, the client posted a negative online public Google Review of Ms. Bice's legal services. Ms. Bice posted a public response with detailed confidential information relating to the representation of the client, including references to client's minimal payment toward her retainer fee, a contempt action brought against client for failure to pay child support and her inability to pay, the client's disability and disability attorney, the actual hearing date, and reference to various attorney-client communications. After the client discharged Ms. Bice's services, she did not file to withdraw her representation for seven (7) weeks and delayed doing so until the day of the client's hearing.

In addition, between 2015 and 2023, Ms. Bice also posted online responses to four (4) negative client reviews, revealing confidential information about former clients' representation,

including disclosure of fee amounts paid, legal advice given, actions/inactions by the clients, and other information that would not have been available as public record or generally known.

By these acts, Ms. Bice has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.6(a) (confidentiality of information), 1.9(c) (duties to former clients), and 1.16(a)(3) & (d) (declining or terminating representation), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. Ms. Bice is further ordered to complete three (3) hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) about client confidentiality and online/social media use within ninety (90) days of this order. The CLE hours are in addition to the three (3) ethics hours already required by the Commission on Continuing Legal Education.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



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R. Culver Schmid, Chair

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