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

IN RE: KEITH ALAN BLACK, BPR NO. 18546

FILE NO. 40679-3-BG

Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee (Hamilton County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Keith Alan Black, #18546, 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 12, 2015.

Mr. Black failed to file an appellate brief in a criminal case, failed to respond to Criminal Court of Appeal orders regarding the brief, and was found in contempt of court.

By these acts, Mr. Black has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence) and 8.4(d) (prejudice to administration of justice). Additionally, Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, §11.3 states that an adjudication that a lawyer has willfully refused to comply with a court order ... shall be grounds for discipline. Keith Alan Black is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Michael King, Chair

Date