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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: KEITH ALAN BLACK, BPR #18546**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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July 20, 2015

**HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On July 16, 2015, Keith Alan Black, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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, Keith Alan Black has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(d) (prejudice to administration of justice), and Rule 9, §11.3 (willful refusal to comply with a court order), and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT III  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
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IN RE: KEITH ALAN BLACK, BPR NO. 18546  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Hamilton County)

FILE NO. 40679-3-BG

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PUBLIC CENSURE

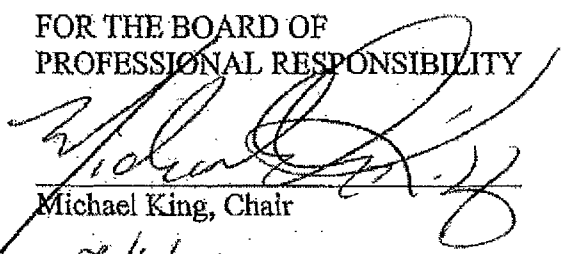
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The above complaint was filed against Keith Alan Black, #18546, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters 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

7/16/15  
Date