

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

IN RE: Samuel C. Blink, #036400
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee

FILE No. 74833-5-ES

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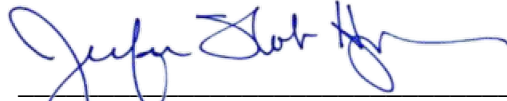
The above complaint was filed against Samuel C. Blink, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered this matter at its meeting on December 8, 2023.

Respondent routinely represented a corporate client in corporate work. The client decided to file a Chapter 7 bankruptcy and hired Respondent to file the petition. Respondent is not experienced in bankruptcy and intended to represent the client in conjunction with one of his law partners who was not licensed in Tennessee. Respondent filed the petition for bankruptcy but did not timely file the required schedules. Neither Respondent nor the client appeared at the initial meeting of creditors despite notice. The court entered an order directing the required schedules to be filed by a particular date. The schedules were not timely filed. Respondent filed a motion for his law partner's *pro hac vice* admission, but the motion did not comply with the requirements of the court. After a show cause hearing, Respondent was sanctioned by the bankruptcy court for this conduct.

By these acts, Samuel C. Blink, is in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these

violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Jennifer S. Hagerman, Chair

January 2, 2024
Date