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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: SAMUEL CALVIN BLINK, BPR #036400
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January 2, 2024

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 2, 2024, Samuel Calvin Blink, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Blink represented a corporate client in filing a Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition. Mr. Blink 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. Mr. Blink filed the petition for bankruptcy but did not timely file the required schedules. Neither Mr. Blink 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. Mr. Blink 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, Mr. Blink was sanctioned by the bankruptcy court for this conduct.

By these acts, Samuel Calvin Blink has violated 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.

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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