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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES RUFUS BOBBITT, BPR #21846
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April 17, 2018

SUMNER COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 16, 2018, Charles Rufus Bobbitt, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Bobbitt represented a client in seeking modification of a parenting plan. Mr. Bobbitt did not affix a proposed parenting plan and verified statement of income to his petition, as required by statute. The Court entered an order requiring Mr. Bobbitt to correct these deficiencies. Mr. Bobbitt failed to do so, which resulted in the dismissal of the petition. Additionally, Mr. Bobbitt failed to file a timely reply to opposing counsel's counter-petition, resulting in entry of a default judgment. Mr. Bobbitt also failed to maintain good communication with his client throughout the representation.

By these acts, Charles Rufus Bobbitt, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4(a) (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 3.4(c) (disobedience to an obligation under the rules of a tribunal), 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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VI
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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IN RE: CHARLES RUFUS BOBBITT, BPR NO. 21846
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Sumner County)

FILE NO. 53624-6-SC

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Charles Rufus Bobbitt, #21846, 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 March 9, 2018.

Mr. Bobbitt represented a client in seeking modification of a parenting plan. Mr. Bobbitt did not affix a proposed parenting plan and verified statement of income to his petition, as required by statute. The Court entered an order requiring Mr. Bobbitt to correct these deficiencies. Mr. Bobbitt failed to do so, which resulted in the dismissal of the petition. Additionally, Mr. Bobbitt did not file a timely reply to opposing counsel's counter-petition. A default judgment was entered on the counter-petition after Mr. Bobbitt failed to appear at the default hearing despite being given proper notice. Mr. Bobbitt also failed to maintain good communication with his client throughout the representation.

By these acts, Charles Rufus Bobbitt has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, 1.3, 1.4(a), 3.2, and 3.4(c), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. Additionally, as a condition of the Public Censure, Mr. Bobbitt shall refund \$2,000.00 in attorney fees to Christopher Batchman within thirty (30) days of issuance of this Public Censure.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Jimmie C. Miller, Chair

4-16-18

Date