

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

IN RE: DAWN ELAINE BOWIE, BPR NO. 33113
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Sevier County)

FILE NO. 55128-1-SC

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Dawn Elaine Bowie, #33113, 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 8, 2018.

Ms. Bowie filed a guardianship action while a dependent and neglect petition was pending involving the same custody dispute. Ms. Bowie filed a motion for Rule 11 sanctions after being served with a motion to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. Ms. Bowie did not provide opposing counsel with an opportunity to withdraw the motion to dismiss, as required by the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure, and there was no merit to the motion for sanctions. Ms. Bowie also communicated with the opposing parties about the subject matter of the custody dispute despite being aware that they were represented by counsel.

By these acts, Ms. Bowie has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, 3.1, 3.4(c) and 4.2 and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jimmie C. Miller

Jimmie C. Miller, Chair

7-25-18

Date