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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DAWN ELAINE BOWIE, BPR #033113
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SEVIER COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 25, 2018, Dawn Elaine Bowie, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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, Dawn Elaine Bowie has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 3.1 (meritorious claims and contentions), 3.4(c) (knowing disobedience of an obligation under the rules of a tribunal), and 4.2 (communication with a person represented by counsel), 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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