

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

IN RE: Troy Lee Bowlin, BPR #025893
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

FILE NO. 100182-2024-2-ES-INV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Troy Lee Bowlin, 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 12, 2025.

Mr. Bowlin was hired by a Virginia resident for a potential dispute in Virginia, but he is not licensed in Virginia. Mr. Bowlin closed his file after the client failed to respond to his office. Months later, however, an employee of Mr. Bowlin's sent further communication to the client which indicated the file was still active. Mr. Bowlin then failed to respond to inquiries from the client. A few months later, Mr. Bowlin's office prepared a *pro se* pleading for the client to file herself in Virginia. Mr. Bowlin then called opposing counsel in that matter to ask for a continuance, and he gave the client advice about the Virginia filing.

By these acts, Troy Lee Bowlin has violated the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16 (termination of representation) and 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

L. Culver Schmid
Culver Schmid, Chair

January 14, 2026.
Date