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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DENNIS DWAYNE BROOKS, BPR #018561
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July 17, 2018

CARTER COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 13, 2018, Dennis Dwayne Brooks, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Brooks entered into an agreement to publish a book about the convictions of three people for murder, after he was successful in getting murder convictions as the lead prosecutor in the matters. Mr. Brooks' book was published prior to the conclusions of the appeals of two of the convictions. After Mr. Brooks' book was published, one of the defendants filed a motion for a new trial and a writ of *error coram nobis* alleging that the book contained evidence which had not been provided to the defense. The appeals of two of the convictions were stayed for 18 months pending a hearing on these matters.

By these acts, Mr. Brooks is in violation of Rule 1.8 (conflict of interest) 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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT I
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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IN RE: DENNIS DWAYNE BROOKS, #018561
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Carter County)

FILE NO. 44880-1-ES

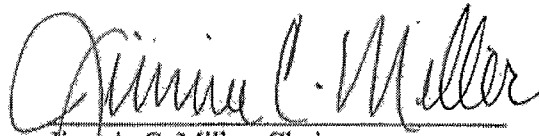
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Dennis Dwayne Brooks, 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.

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By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Brooks is in violation of Rule 1.8(d) (conflict of interest) and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmie C. Miller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jimmie C. Miller, Chair

7-13-18

Date