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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: NICHOLAS D. BUNSTINE, BPR #9751
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January 14, 2021

KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 14, 2021, Nicholas D. Bunstine, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Bunstine represented a client in defense of a civil proceeding brought by the client's mother for rescission of a quit claim deed. At all relevant times during the representation, Mr. Bunstine was aware that his client's mother was represented by counsel.

While the suit remained pending, Mr. Bunstine received word from his client that her mother no longer wished to have the quit claim deed rescinded. Mr. Bunstine prepared an affidavit for the mother's signature confirming the mother's changed position and provided the affidavit to his client. Mr. Bunstine's client presented the affidavit to her mother, who proceeded to execute the affidavit. Mr. Bunstine filed a motion to dismiss the suit based upon the content of the affidavit, which was granted by the Court.

By these acts, Nicholas D. Bunstine, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 4.2 (communication with a person represented by counsel), and 8.4(d) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

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 II
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
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IN RE: NICHOLAS D. BUNSTINE, BPR NO. 9751
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

FILE NO. 62874-2-SC

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Nicholas D. Bunstine, #9751, 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 December 11, 2020.

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FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S. Flippin

Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

1-14-21

Date