

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

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

FILE NO. 62874-2-SC

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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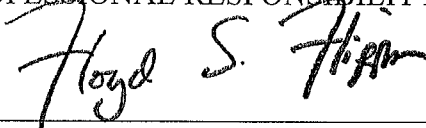
The above complaint was filed against Nicholas D. Bunstine, #9751, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December 11, 2020.

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 Bunstine received word from his client that her mother no longer wished to have the quit claim deed rescinded.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 these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



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Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

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