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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ADDIE MARIE BURKS, #011805
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 14, 2020, Addie Marie Burks, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

A client hired Addie Marie Burks to represent him in defense of a civil collection matter. After the plaintiff filed a motion for default, Ms. Burks filed a Notice of Appearance with a certificate of service indicating it was mailed to opposing counsel on that date. Ms. Burks, however, did not mail the notice to opposing counsel until a few days later. Ms. Burks did not appear at the hearing on the motion for default, and the motion was granted.

Addie Marie Burks then filed a motion to set aside the default, but this motion was never served on opposing counsel and was eventually struck by the court. Ms. Burks did not appear at the hearing on the final judgment, and a final judgment was entered against her client for \$40,000.

By these acts, Addie Marie Burks has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.3 (candor to the tribunal), 1.1 (competence) and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these acts.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.