

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

IN RE: CHAD MICHAEL BUTLER, BPR NO. 027751
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Gibson County)

FILE NO.
100600-2024-8-MH-INV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Chad Michael Butler, #027751, 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 September 12, 2025.

Mr. Bulter was retained by a client to file an Emergency Custody Petition related to minor children in her care. Subsequently, Mr. Bulter filed a Petition for Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights on behalf of his client. In court filings in both matters, Mr. Butler indicated that the Complainant pled guilty to sexual battery and assault and that the Complainant was a registered sex offender. Prior to both filings, Mr. Butler's client provided him with information claiming the Complainant had pled guilty to sexual battery and assault and was a registered sex offender. Mr. Butler included these statements in both filings, verified by his client's signature. However, Mr. Butler did not independently verify these statements, and the statements were false.

By these acts, Mr. Butler has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence) and 8.4 (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



R. Culver Schmid, Chair



Date