

IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT II
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SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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IN RE: MELANIE ANN CAMPBELL-BROWN, BPR NO. 21166 FILE NO. 34053-2-JV
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Melanie Ann Campbell-Brown, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on September 9, 2011.

Respondent made numerous distributions from the firm's operating account to sixteen firm clients for reasons other than court cost and expenses of litigation, including rent, electric bills, auto payments, bond, and child support, in anticipation of being reimbursed from recoveries in the clients' personal injury cases. Payments made to ten clients were not reimbursed and were written off as uncollectible case expenses. One payment in the amount of \$900 was drawn on the firm's trust account. The Respondent notarized the signatures of three clients when the documents were not signed in the Respondent's presence.

By the aforementioned facts, Melanie Ann Campbell-Brown has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.8(e) (conflict of interest, prohibited transactions), 1.15(b) (safekeeping property) and 8.4(c) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Lela Hollabaugh
Lela Hollabaugh, Chair

October 28, 2011
Date