



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

IN RE: Zachary Ty Carden, BPR No. 036752
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

FILES NO. 101317-2025-5-SC-INV
101326-2025-5-SC-INV
101337-2025-5-SC-INV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaints were filed against Zachary Ty Carden, #036752, 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 March 13, 2026.

In the first complaint, Mr. Carden represented a criminal defendant in connection with adjustment of jail credits and seeking a furlough. Mr. Carden delayed in taking action for the client and failed to respond to the client's communications.

In the second complaint, Mr. Carden represented a client in pursuing a custody matter. Mr. Carden completed limited investigation of the client's legal claims but did not file a petition or take other legal action. Mr. Carden also failed to respond to his client's communications, which ultimately resulted in the client discharging Mr. Carden. Following his discharge, Mr. Carden did not refund an appropriate portion of the client's fee.

In the third complaint, Mr. Carden represented a client in pursuing contempt sanctions in a post-divorce matter. Mr. Carden prepared a draft petition but did not complete any other work

for the client. Mr. Carden also failed to respond to the client's requests for information about the status of the representation.

By these acts, Zachary Ty Carden has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), and 1.16(d) (duties following withdrawal or discharge) and is hereby publicly censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Culver Schmid, Chair

Date April 13, 2026