

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

IN RE: Jay Nelson Chamness, #016027
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee

FILE No. 69298-6-DN

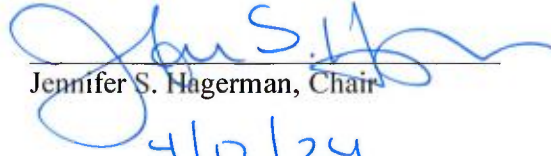
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Jay Nelson Chamness, 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 this matter at its meeting on March 8, 2024.

Respondent represented a plaintiff asserting employment discrimination in a case filed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee. Over the course of 11 months, Respondent made at least four false statements to opposing counsel about personal circumstances for which he needed extensions of time on various matters in the case. In the last instance, Respondent asked to reschedule depositions because his mother had died. Respondent prepared a draft "Motion for Extension of Discovery Deadline" in which he stated he needed the extension because his mother had died. Respondent sent this motion to opposing counsel for approval. Opposing counsel hired a private investigator who discovered that Respondent's mother had not died. Respondent then admitted his conduct to opposing counsel.

By the aforementioned acts, Jay Nelson Chamness is in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 4.1 (truthfulness in statements to others), 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty) and 8.4(a) (misconduct), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Jennifer S. Hagerman, Chair

4/17/24

Date