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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILFRED SHAWN CLELLAND, BPR #014272
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January 20, 2021

HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 20, 2021, Wilfred Shawn Clelland, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Clelland settled a client's personal injury claim and received settlement funds in August of 2017. The settlement proceeds were subject to outstanding medical bills and/or liens. Mr. Clelland performed little, if any, work in negotiating the liens for over three years. He also failed to provide updates to the client, held settlement funds in his IOLTA account for three years, and provided false or misleading statements to the client.

By these acts, Wilfred Shawn Clelland, has violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (a)(3) (communication), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds) and 8.4 (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

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

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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT III
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
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IN RE: WILFRED SHAWN CLELLAND, BPR NO. 014272.
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

FILE NO. 65311-3-DB

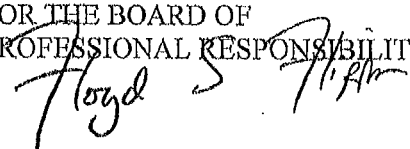
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Wilfred Shawn Clelland, #014272, 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 December 11, 2020.

Mr. Clelland settled a client's personal injury claim and received settlement funds in August of 2017. The settlement proceeds were subject to a contingency fee and outstanding medical bills and/or liens. Mr. Clelland performed little, if any, work in negotiating the liens for over three years. Mr. Clelland also failed to promptly respond to client inquiries related to the status of the matter.

By the aforementioned acts, Wilfred Shawn Clelland has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4(a)(3) (Communication), 1.15 (Safekeeping Property and Funds), and 8.4 (Misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Floyd Flippin, Chair

01.20.21

Date