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

IN RE: CATHLEEN GRADY CONLEY, BPR NO.4567

FILE NO. 41402-4-BG

Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee (Coffee County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Cathleen Grady Conley, #4567, 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 11, 2016.

To obtain business, Ms. Conley's office staff reviewed bankruptcy court records and phoned creditors who had not yet filed a proof of claim. If the creditor expressed interest over the telephone, Ms. Conley's staff sent an email with a claim form and an agreement providing that Ms. Conley would receive one third of any money recovered from the debtor. The phone call and email did not explain that Ms. Conley would not be acting as an attorney or provide notice that the protections of the client-lawyer relationship did not exist. Ms. Conley was thereby subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct and violated the rules relating to the solicitation of potential clients.

By these acts, Ms. Conley violated Rules of Professional Conduct 5.7 (responsibilities regarding law-related services) and 7.3 (solicitation of potential clients) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Achael King, Chair

Date