

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

IN RE: George E. Copple, #006411
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Williamson County)

File No. 66974-6-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against George E. Copple, 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 September 11, 2026.

Mr. Copple provided a monetary loan to a friend. The friend then hired Mr. Copple on a legal matter. Mr. Copple stated in writing that he was not charging a fee for the legal matter. As the matter got more complicated, Mr. Copple sent an email detailing that he would have to charge the client hourly. In later correspondence, Mr. Copple made multiple references to the personal loan that the client had not yet repaid in an effort to get the client to agree to an hourly rate. While the matter was on appeal, Mr. Copple filed a lawsuit against the client for attorney fees and payment of the personal loan.

By these acts, George E. Copple has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.7 (conflict of interest) and 1.8(a)(3)(e) (conflict of interest, specific rules) and is hereby publicly censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



R. Culver Schmid, Chair



Date