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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: RICKY A. W. CURTIS, BPR # 019761
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SULLIVAN COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 7, 2023, Ricky A. W. Curtis, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Curtis represented a client on an appeal of a criminal sentence. After the appeal was filed, the client was charged with additional felonies and Mr. Curtis negotiated a plea on the subsequent charges which included his client's dismissal of the appeal of the first conviction. There was a delay in the client's entry of the plea on the subsequent charges, and Mr. Curtis failed to timely file the brief in support of the appeal of the first charges. The court sent Mr. Curtis a notice and entered an order directing him to file his brief, and he did not respond to either. The court then ordered Mr. Curtis to appear, which he did. The client eventually dismissed the appeal as planned.

By these acts, Mr. Curtis has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel) and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

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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