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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MARIA GRACE DAJCAR, BPR #032055
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April 23, 2020

SEVIER COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 23, 2020, Maria Grace Dajcar, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In March 2018, Ms. Dajcar deposited \$17,500 into her trust account to hold for a client, who was the mother of one of Ms. Dajcar's employees. The client eventually retrieved \$7,500 of the funds. In May 2018, however, Ms. Dajcar's employee told her that his mother would allow Ms. Dajcar to borrow \$5,000 of the funds to open a business. Ms. Dajcar withdrew \$5,000 of the funds without speaking with her client or informing her of the withdrawal.

In August 2018, Ms. Dajcar's employee told her that his mother wanted her to remit the remaining \$5,000 of the funds to him to pay a debt. Ms. Dajcar withdrew the remaining \$5,000 in funds without speaking to or informing her client. Ms. Dajcar has admitted this conduct and agreed to return the funds to her client.

By these acts, Maria Grace Dajcar has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safe keeping funds), and she is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation with the condition that she return to her client \$10,000 within 180 days.

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

IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT I
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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IN RE: Maria Grace Dajcar, #032055
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Sevier County)

FILE NO. 62698c-1-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Maria Grace Dajcar, 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 13, 2020.

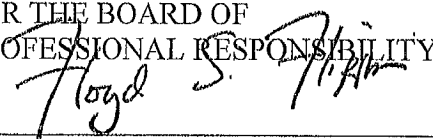
In March 2018, Respondent deposited a check for \$17,500 into her trust account. She was asked to hold these funds by a third party, the mother of one of her employees. Respondent provided to the client pre-filled checks so that the client could retrieve the funds in \$1,500 increments. The client eventually retrieved \$7,500 of the funds.

On May 15, 2018, however, Respondent's employee told Respondent that his mother would allow Respondent to borrow \$5,000 of the funds to open a business. Respondent withdrew \$5,000 of the funds without speaking with her client or informing her of the withdrawal. On August 24, 2018, Respondent's employee told her that his mother wanted Respondent to remit the remaining \$5,000 of the funds to him to pay a debt. Respondent withdrew the remaining \$5,000 in funds without speaking to or informing her client. On September 16, 2019, the client tried to remove the \$10,000 in funds, but they were not in the account.

Respondent has admitted this conduct and agreed to return the funds to her client. By the

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FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Floyd Flippin, Chair

4/23/20

Date