January 4, 2022

**LAWRENCE COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On December 30, 2021, Thomas Joseph Dancison, Jr., an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Dancison represented a client in a domestic matter. During the representation, Mr. Dancison created a conflict of interest by engaging in sexualized conversation and conduct. Mr. Dancison pled guilty to simple assault pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-101(a)(3) for intentional or knowing physical contact with a client that a reasonable person would consider “extremely offensive or provocative.”

By these acts, Mr. Dancison, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.7 (conflict of interest: current client) 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 VI
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: THOMAS JOSEPH DANCISON, JR., BPR NO. 026100
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Lawrence County)

FILE NO. 67020-6-KB

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Thomas Joseph Dancison, Jr., #026100, 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 10, 2021.

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By these acts, Mr. Dancison has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.7 (conflict of interest: current client) and 8.4 (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. This Public Censure is conditioned on Mr. Dancison contacting the Tennessee Lawyer Assistance Program for evaluation and complying with TLAP recommendations, including any monitoring
agreement recommended by TLAP, with mandatory reporting to Disciplinary Counsel every six (6) months.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

10-30-21

Date