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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: STANLEY DOUGLAS DARNELL, BPR #009765
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June 17, 2022

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On June 17, 2022, Stanley Douglas Darnell, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

During his representation of a client, Mr. Darnell failed to provide sufficient oversight of his legal assistant, who prepared a forged final decree and letter without Mr. Darnell's knowledge. Further, Mr. Darnell did not have protocols in place sufficient to reveal that the client's divorce petition had not been filed. In addition, Mr. Darnell received a flat fee for the representation and failed to place the unearned funds in his trust account at the beginning of the representation.

By these acts, Mr. Darnell has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), and 5.3 (responsibilities regarding nonlawyer assistance) 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: STANLEY DOUGLAS DARNELL, BPR NO. 009765
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Montgomery County)

FILE NO. 65751-6-KB

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Stanley Douglas Darnell, #009765, 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 June 10, 2022.

During his representation of a client, Mr. Darnell failed to provide sufficient oversight of his legal assistant, who prepared a forged final decree and letter without Mr. Darnell's knowledge. Further, Mr. Darnell did not have protocols in place sufficient to reveal that the client's divorce petition had not been filed. In addition, Mr. Darnell received a flat fee for the representation and failed to place the unearned funds in his trust account at the beginning of the representation.

By these acts, Mr. Darnell has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), and 5.3 (responsibilities regarding nonlawyer assistance), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S. Kippin

Floyd S. Kippin, Chair

6-17-22

Date