

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

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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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. Flippin*

Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

6-17-22

Date