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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES GREGORY KING, BPR #17439
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July 12, 2019

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 12, 2019, James Gregory King, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. King agreed to represent a married couple in pursuing civil claims after being harassed on social media. Mr. King failed to adequately confirm the scope of the representation or the amount of his fee and did not deposit unearned fee payments into escrow. Mr. King also took no action on behalf of his clients and failed to maintain good communication during the representation.

By these acts, James Gregory King has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4(a) (communication), 1.5(b) (defining the scope of representation), and 1.15 (safeguarding client funds), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. As a condition of this public censure, Mr. King shall be required to refund \$795 in fees and prepaid costs to his clients within sixty (60) days of issuance of the public censure.

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 V
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: JAMES GREGORY KING, BPR NO. 17439
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 59399-5-SC

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against James Gregory King, #17439, 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 14, 2019.

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FOR THE BOARD OF
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Floyd S. Flippin

Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

7-12-2019

Date