

IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: WENDELL CORNELIUS DAWSON, BPR NO.012960      FILE NO. 55092-5-PS  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Wendell Cornelius Dawson, #012960, 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 September 14, 2018.

The Respondent represented his client in applying for cancellation of removal before the Memphis Immigration Court. Although the Respondent did present documentation to the immigration court concerning his client's presence in the United States, the Respondent failed to call any witnesses other than his client at the final hearing to satisfy the significant burden of showing exceptional and extremely unusual hardship. Likewise, the Respondent did not diligently represent his client in his appeal. The Respondent did not meet with his client to discuss the appeal, and his brief was a mere one page, in which he generally argued, without citations to authority or the record, that his client had testified to his presence in the country and the hardship his children would suffer if he were removed to Mexico.

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By the aforementioned acts, Wendell Cornelius Dawson has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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Jimmie C. Miller, Chair

10-15-18  
Date