

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

IN RE: CHARLES DAVID DEAS, #002049
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Blount County)

FILE NO. 64601n-2-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Charles David Deas, 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 this matter at its meeting on December 11, 2020.

Mr. Deas deposited his own funds into his trust account in order to issue a cashier's check from the account which is a violation of Rule 1.15 (safekeeping funds) and resulted in potential harm to his clients. Mr. Deas also failed to adequately protect the bank checks for his trust account, and he failed to have proper procedures in place to make sure his assistant was in compliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of Rule 5.3 (nonlawyer assistance).

By the aforementioned acts, Charles Deas has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping funds) and 5.3 (nonlawyer assistance) and is hereby Publicly Censured.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S. Flippin

Floyd Flippin, Chair

1/26/21

Date