

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

IN RE: Francis Michael Deslauriers, #12051
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Tipton County)

FILE NO. 48439-8-PS

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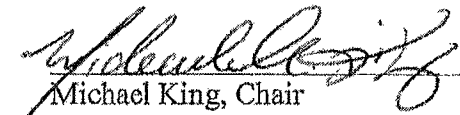
The above complaint was filed against Francis Michael Deslauriers, #12051, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on March 10, 2017.

In August of 2012, Mr. Deslauriers was retained to represent a client in a lawsuit against an insurance company for a property damage claim. However, Mr. Deslauriers filed nothing in the case, and did not communicate with his client, despite the client's numerous requests for updates. Eventually, Mr. Deslauriers filed a complaint in January of 2015, over two years after his client retained him. In March of 2016, after another year of taking no action and failing to communicate with his client, Mr. Deslauriers informed his client that he had failed to serve the defendants or take their depositions, resulting in his client's case being dismissed.


By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Deslauriers has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4

(misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Michael King, Chair



Date