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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: FRANCIS MICHAEL DESLAURIERS, BPR #12051
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April 21, 2017

TIPTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 20, 2017, Francis Michael Deslauriers, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In August of 2012, Mr. Deslauriers was retained to represent a client in a lawsuit against an insurance company for a property damage claim. In the three and a half years that Mr. Deslauriers was counsel of record, he took little action other than filing the lawsuit, and he routinely failed to communicate with his client. The lawsuit was dismissed due to Mr. Deslauriers' failure to serve the defendants or take their depositions.

By these acts, Francis Michael Deslauriers, has violated Rule 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 this violation.

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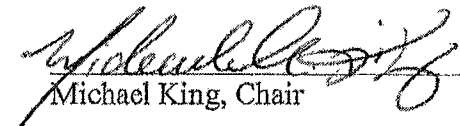
The above complaint was filed against Francis Michael Deslauriers, #12051, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on March 10, 2017.

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