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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAHARI MABRY DOWDY, BPR #24144
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October 4, 2019

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 4, 2019, Jahari Mabry Dowdy, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Dowdy represented a client in pursuing a guardianship over a minor child. The final order required Ms. Dowdy's client to place designated funds in escrow, with both Ms. Dowdy and her client named as co-trustees over the funds. Ms. Dowdy failed to take any action to facilitate transfer of the funds and did not respond to subsequent inquiries and directives from the Court and the Clerk and Master concerning this matter. Ms. Dowdy also failed to maintain good communication with her client during the representation.

By these acts, Jahari Mabry Dowdy, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4(a) (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4(c) (knowing disobedience to an obligation under the rules of a tribunal), and 8.4(g) (misconduct), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

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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