

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

IN RE: JAHARI MABRY DOWDY, BPR NO. 24144  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 59244-9-SC

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Jahari Mabry Dowdy, #24144, 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 13, 2019.

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. As a condition of the Public Censure, Ms. Dowdy shall be required to take proper action in the guardianship case to comply with the directives contained in the Court's orders.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Floyd S. Flippin*

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Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

*10-4-19*

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