

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. 63956n-9-SC

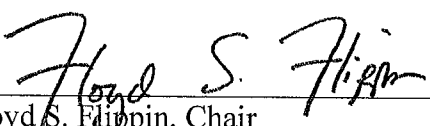
PUBLIC CENSURE

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 December 11, 2020.

Ms. Dowdy agreed to facilitate payments on behalf of a client to a commercial lessor in fulfillment of an agreement regarding the client's rent arrears. On March 2, 2020, Ms. Dowdy signed a trust account check payable to the commercial lessor in partial payment of the client's rent arrears. Through an inadvertent office error, a check drawn on Ms. Dowdy's trust account was delivered to the commercial lessor before Ms. Dowdy received funds from the client to cover the check. As a result, the check was returned for insufficient funds. Ms. Dowdy failed to take proper remedial action after becoming aware of the error. Ms. Dowdy also subsequently deposited personal funds into her trust account to provide enough funds for a replacement check, thereby comingling her personal funds with her trust account funds.

By these acts, Jahari Mabry Dowdy has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 5.1 (responsibilities of partners, managers, and supervisory lawyers), and 5.3 (responsibilities regarding nonlawyer assistance), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. As a condition of this public censure, Ms. Dowdy shall be required to attend the Board's trust account workshop scheduled for March 24, 2021.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Floyd S. Fippin, Chair

1-7-21

Date