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

IN RE: RICHARD LAMAR DUGGER, BPR NO. 006605

FILE NOS. 74609-4-MH and 75510-4-MH

Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee

(Bedford County)

## PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaints were filed against Richard Lamar Dugger, #006605, 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 14, 2025.

Mr. Dugger represented one client in a bankruptcy case and a second client in a landlord tenant case. In the first complaint, Mr. Dugger failed to include his client's home in the bankruptcy matter which resulted in his client's home being foreclosed on. In the second file, Mr. Dugger failed to appear in court, failed to take action following the entry of an adverse judgment against his client, and delayed the outcome of the case.

By these acts, Mr. Dugger has violated Rules of Professional Conduct Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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R. Culver Schmid, Chair

April 9, 2027

Date