

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

IN RE: CHARLES MARTIN DUKE, #023607
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

FILE NO.: 68960-5-SC

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Charles Martin Duke, #023607, 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 9, 2022.

Mr. Duke agreed to represent a client in probating an estate. An order of guardianship was entered in connection with the handling of probate estate which required, in pertinent part, that realty within the probate estate be sold and the proceeds deposited with the Court Clerk. Through an inadvertent error, the proceeds were deposited into a bank account opened and maintained by the client in connection with the probate proceeding. After becoming aware of the error, Mr. Duke failed to take proper action to facilitate the transfer of the funds to the Court Clerk or to amend the order of guardianship. Mr. Duke also failed to maintain good communication with his client during the representation.

By these acts, Mr. Duke has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligent representation) and 1.4 (communications) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL
RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S Flippin
Floyd Flippin, Chair

10-11-2022
Date