IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V OF THE

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

OF THE

SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: CHARLES MARTIN DUKE, BPR NO. 023607

FILE NO. 73189-5-SC

Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee

(Davidson County)

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 8,

2023.

In the representation of a client in connection with an ancillary probate matter, Mr. Duke

failed to pursue the client's legal objectives, and did not maintain good communication with his

client. Investigation also revealed that Mr. Duke failed to notify his client that he was suspended

from the practice of law. Due to Mr. Duke's suspension on May 9, 2022, he was required pursuant

to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28, to notify all clients by certified mail of the

suspension no later than 10 days after the effective date of the order.

By these acts, Mr. Duke has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4

(communication), 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing counsel), and 8.4(g) (misconduct) and is hereby

Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jennifer S. Hagerman, Chair

October 6, 2023

Date