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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES MARTIN DUKE, BPR #023607
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 6, 2023, Charles Martin Duke, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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 this violation.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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