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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN EDWARD DUNLAP, BPR #13223
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January 22, 2018

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 19, 2018, John Edward Dunlap, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Dunlap represented a client in a bankruptcy which was dismissed for failure to provide documentation. Mr. Dunlap failed to respond to his client's requests for information for two months.

In another client matter, Mr. Dunlap received a personal injury settlement for his client which he properly held in his trust account. Thereafter, the client passed away. The probate court ordered Mr. Dunlap to release a portion of the funds to pay a subrogation claim. Mr. Dunlap mistakenly believed that he distributed the subrogation funds. Over two years later, the third party filed a lawsuit to collect the funds, and Mr. Dunlap remitted payment.

By these acts, Mr. Dunlap, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (communication), Rule 1.1 (competence), and Rule 1.15 (safekeeping property) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these 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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT IX
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
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IN RE: John Edward Dunlap, #13223
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

FILE NOS.: 48072-9-ES
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PUBLIC CENSURE

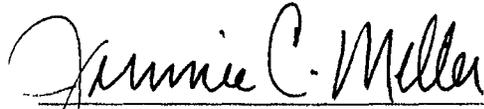
The above complaints were filed against John Edward Dunlap, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December 8, 2017.

Mr. Dunlap represented a client in a bankruptcy, which was dismissed for failure to provide documentation. Mr. Dunlap admits that he made a mistake with a filing to correct the client's social security number. Mr. Dunlap failed to respond to his client's requests for information for two months. Mr. Dunlap is in violation of Rule 1.4 (communication) and Rule 1.1 (competence) on this matter.

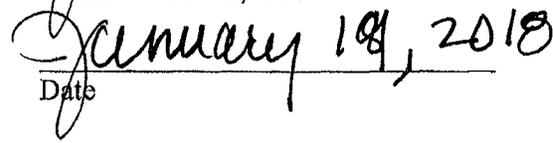
In a second client matter, Mr. Dunlap received funds for a personal injury settlement for his client which he properly held in his trust account. Thereafter, the client passed away. The probate court then ordered Mr. Dunlap to release a portion of the funds to pay a subrogation claim. Mr. Dunlap mistakenly believed that he distributed the subrogation funds. Over two years later, the third party filed a lawsuit to collect the funds, and Mr. Dunlap remitted payment. Mr. Dunlap is in violation of Rules 1.15 (safekeeping property) and 1.1 (competence) on this matter.

Mr. Dunlap is hereby Publicly Censured or these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Jimmie C. Miller, Chair



Date