

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

IN RE: John Edward Dunlap, #13223
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

FILE NOS.: 48072-9-ES
48192-9-ES

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

Jimmie C. Miller, Chair

January 19, 2018

Date