



**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

10 CADILLAC DRIVE, SUITE 220  
BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE 37027  
TELEPHONE: (615) 361-7500  
(800) 486-5714  
FAX: (615) 367-2480  
E-MAIL: [ethics@tbpr.org](mailto:ethics@tbpr.org)  
Website: [www.tbpr.org](http://www.tbpr.org)

**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN EDWARD DUNLAP, BPR #13223**  
**CONTACT: EILEEN BURKHALTER SMITH**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

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.

Dunlap 48072-9; 48192-9 rel.doc