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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: HANDEL R. DURHAM, JR., BPR NO. 010949
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March 3, 2026

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On March 3, 2026, Handel R. Durham, Jr. an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

An existing client visited Mr. Durham at his office. The existing client, at the time, was jointly represented by Mr. Durham and another attorney. Mr. Durham and the other attorney's office were within the same office suite. During this visit the client advised Mr. Durham of a potential new cause of action. At the end of the conversation, Mr. Durham mistakenly believed that the client had retained both him and co-counsel for the new matter under the same arrangement as the existing representation. During this new representation, there was no written fee agreement executed, and Mr. Durham, along with co-counsel, improperly attempted to collect a contingency fee from the client in the amount of approximately 33.3%.

By the aforementioned acts, Handel R. Durham, Jr., has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5(c) (fees), 7.1 (communications concerning lawyer's services), and 8.4(a) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

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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