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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ELBERT EVERETT EDWARDS, BPR #004364
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On March 17, 2021, Elbert Everett Edwards, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from Supreme Court of Tennessee conditioned upon his attending the next Board of Professional Responsibility Ethics Workshop.

While in private practice, Mr. Edwards worked as a contract attorney for a debt collection company. Mr. Edwards was retained by the company to collect a debt but never contacted or communicated with the client who was unaware of the representation. The client, not having retained Mr. Edwards or executed a written retainer agreement, objected to the contingency fee charged by Mr. Edwards after successfully collecting the debt. Mr. Edwards executed a conditional guilty plea admitting his conduct violated RPC 1.2 (Scope of Representation), 1.4 (Communication) and 8.4 (Misconduct).

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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