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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES CHARLES EDWARDS, BPR #9953
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October 28, 2016

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 27, 2016, James Charles Edwards, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Edwards failed to diligently represent a client and failed to expedite the filing of the client's divorce action. After the client terminated Mr. Edwards' representation, Mr. Edwards submitted an unreasonable invoice for fees to the client. The fees were unreasonable based upon the lack of complexity of the legal services requested and the lack of any results obtained for the client.

By these acts, James Charles Edwards has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.5 (fees), and 3.2 (expediting litigation) 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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: James Charles Edwards, Respondent,
BPR No. 9953, an attorney licensed to
practice law in Tennessee (Davidson County)

FILE NO. 42814-5-KB

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against James Charles Edwards, 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 this matter at its meeting on September 9, 2016.

Mr. Edwards failed to diligently represent his client and failed to expedite the filing of his client's divorce action. After Mr. Edwards' representation was terminated by his client, Mr. Edwards submitted an unreasonable invoice for fees to the client. The fees were unreasonable based upon the lack of complexity of the legal services requested and the lack of any results obtained for the client.

By these acts, James Charles Edwards has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.5 (fees), and 3.2 (expediting litigation) and he is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Michael King, Chair

10/27/2016

Date