



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

**IN RE: ERIC PRESTON EGBERT, #027206**  
**Respondent, an attorney licensed**  
**to practice law in Tennessee**  
**(Gibson County)**

**FILE NO. 100444-2024-8-SC-INV**

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**PUBLIC CENSURE**

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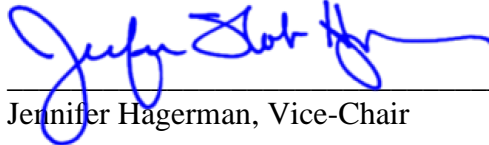
The above complaint was filed against Eric Preston Egbert, #027206, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December 13, 2024.

On May 10, 2023, Mr. Egbert agreed to represent two individuals in probating the estate of their brother (hereinafter, the "Decedent"). The Decedent's principal asset was a parcel of realty located in Gibson County, Tennessee. The clients subsequently decided not to proceed with the probate action, and Mr. Egbert closed his file on May 23, 2023. On December 12, 2023, Mr. Egbert was hired as the delinquent tax attorney for Gibson County. In this capacity, Mr. Egbert received a list of properties where taxes had not been paid for 2022. The list did not include the realty that was part of the Decedent's estate.

On May 31, 2024, after learning through public records of the delinquent taxes on the Decedent's realty and acting in his personal capacity as a real estate investor, Mr. Egbert emailed the former clients and offered to purchase the land. The former clients declined the offer and made a counteroffer, which Mr. Egbert declined. No sale was ever consummated. Mr. Egbert's efforts to purchase the realty created a concurrent conflict of interest between his capacity as a real estate investor and delinquent tax attorney. Mr. Egbert also used information obtained from the former clients to their potential detriment.

By these acts, Mr. Egbert has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.7 (*conflict of interest*), 1.9(c) (*duties to former clients*), 8.4(d) (*conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice*), and 8.4(e) (*stating or implying an ability to influence a tribunal or government agency*) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



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Jennifer Hagerman, Vice-Chair

March 24, 2025

Date