

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

IN RE: Shannon David Elsea, Respondent,
BPR# 17346, an attorney licensed to
practice law in Tennessee.
(Shelby County)

FILE NOS. 62586-9-KB
64383-9-KB

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaints were filed against Shannon David Elsea, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on September 11, 2020.

In the representation of a client, Mr. Elsea failed to diligently represent the client's interests and failed to adequately communicate with the client. Mr. Elsea also provided deceptive information to both his client and the Board.

In the representation of a separate client, Mr. Elsea failed to diligently represent the client's interests, adequately communicate with the client, or expedite the litigation. Mr. Elsea also deceived his client into believing a settlement had occurred and deceived the court clerk and opposing counsel as to the true status of the case which interfered with the timely administration of justice.

In mitigation, Mr. Elsea was experiencing personal issues that caused him undue stress and anxiety which Mr. Elsea is currently addressing.

By the aforementioned acts, Shannon David Elsea has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 4.1 (truthfulness in statements to others), 8.1(b) (disciplinary matters), and 8.4(a)(c)(d) (misconduct), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S. Flippin

Floyd Flippin, Chair

10-23-2020

Date