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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: SHANNON DAVID ELSEA, BPR #17346**  
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**MEMPHIS LAWYER CENSURED**

On October 23, 2020, Shannon David Elsea, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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 these 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.

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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