

**IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT I
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

IN RE: CATHERINE E. FEZELL, BPR NO. 039547 FILE NO. 100459-2024-1-TT-INV
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Greene County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Catherine Elizabeth Fezell (# 039547), 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 12, 2025.

On May 14, 2024, Ms. Fezell was scheduled to appear for a court docket to represent clients in multiple matters. When Ms. Fezell failed to appear, she was contacted by court personnel inquiring about her whereabouts. Upon her arrival at court, Ms. Fezell was observed by multiple witnesses, including court staff and colleagues, to appear to be under the influence. Due to her apparent condition, Ms. Fezell could not appear before the court, and the scheduled hearings had to be reset.

By these acts, Ms. Fezell violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to administration of justice), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

R. Culver Schmid

R. Culver Schmid, Chair

March 31, 2026.

Date