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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: SAMANTHA FLENER, BPR #38282**  
**CONTACT: KEVIN D. BALKWILL**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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January 14, 2021

**NASHVILLE LAWYER CENSURED**

On January 13, 2021, Samantha Flener, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Flener was licensed to practice law only in New York when she relocated to Tennessee and began work at a Tennessee law firm. Ms. Flener applied for permission to be admitted by UBE Score Transfer with the Board of Law Examiners and her application referenced the need to apply for practice pending admission if she was currently working in Tennessee as a lawyer or other law-related position. Ms. Flener also certified on the application that she had read Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7 and the Board policies and procedures posted on its website. Ms. Flener did not apply for practice pending admission and was not authorized to practice law in Tennessee until after she had been employed as a firm lawyer for a period of eight months.

By these acts, Ms. Flener has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

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 0  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
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IN RE: Samantha Flener, Respondent,  
BPR# 38282, an attorney licensed to  
practice law in Tennessee.  
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 65099-0-KB

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Samantha Flener, 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 December 11, 2020.

Ms. Flener was licensed to practice law only in New York when she relocated to Tennessee and began work at a Tennessee law firm. Ms. Flener applied for permission to be admitted by UBE Score Transfer with the Board of Law Examiners and her application referenced the need to apply for practice pending admission if she was currently working in Tennessee as a lawyer or other law-related position. Ms. Flener also certified on the application that she had read Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7 and the Board policies and procedures posted on its website. Respondent did not apply for practice pending admission and was not authorized to practice law in Tennessee until after she had been employed as a firm lawyer for a period of eight months.

By the aforementioned acts, Ms. Flener has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S. Flippin  
Floyd Flippin, Chair

1-13-21  
Date