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OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: STEVEN CARL FRAZIER, BPR #7098
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July 17, 2020

SULLIVAN COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 17, 2020, Steven Carl Frazier, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Frazier improperly shared a fee with an attorney outside his firm without obtaining the written consent of his client. Mr. Frazier failed to diligently prosecute a civil action for his client which resulted in the court's *sua sponte* dismissal of the action for lack of prosecution. Mr. Frazier was later able to have the dismissal set aside. Mr. Frazier failed to adequately communicate with both his client during the representation and the Board during the disciplinary process which resulted in his temporary suspension for a short period.

By these acts, Steven Carl Frazier has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5(e) (fees), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 8.1(b) (disciplinary matters), and 8.4(a) and (d) (misconduct), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. As a condition of the Public Censure, Mr. Frazier shall reimburse \$2,500.00 to his client within 90 days from July 17, 2020.

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 I
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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IN RE: Steven Carl Frazier, Respondent,
BPR# 7098, an attorney licensed to
practice law in Tennessee.
(Sullivan County)

FILE NO. 61140-1-KB

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Steven Carl Frazier, 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 June 12, 2020.

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FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S. Flippin

Floyd Flippin, Chair

7-17-20

Date