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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ROBERT ANDREW FREE, BPR #030513
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TENNESSEE LAWYER CENSURED

On December 19, 2024, Robert Andrew Free, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Free represented a client in an immigration application to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS). A request for evidence was sent to Mr. Free's office from the USCIS, and Mr. Free did not respond to the request and did not send it to the client. A decision was issued in the matter and sent to Mr. Free's office a few months later, and Mr. Free did not inform his client of the decision. Three years later, Mr. Free's neglect was discovered, and Mr. Free cooperated with the client's subsequent attorney in seeking to reopen the immigration application.

By these acts Robert Andrew Free has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication) and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) 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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