IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VI

OF THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

OF THE

SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: Robert Andrew Free, #030513

Respondent, an attorney licensed

to practice law in Tennessee

FILE No. 70803-0-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Robert Andrew Free, 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 this matter at its meeting on December 13,

2024.

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 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 the aforementioned acts Robert Andrew Free is in violation of 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.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jennifer S. Hagerman, Chair

December 19, 2024

Date