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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL LLOYD FREEMAN, BPR # 028698
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 31, 2023, Michael Lloyd Freeman, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Freeman represented a client on a petition for post-conviction relief, which was denied. Mr. Freeman timely filed an appeal, but he did not timely file his appellate brief. After notice from the court, he filed an untimely motion for an extension of time, which was granted. Mr. Freeman missed this deadline, and filed an untimely motion to stay the appeal, which was denied. The court provided another deadline for the filing of the brief, with which Mr. Freeman did not comply. After the court set an additional deadline with which Mr. Freeman did not comply, the court ordered the brief to be filed on a particular date with an accompanying motion addressing the lateness. Mr. Freeman filed the brief but did not include an explanation in his motion. Mr. Freeman's brief was eventually accepted by the court.

By these acts, Mr. Freeman has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel) 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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