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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL LLOYD FREEMAN, BPR #28698
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October 21, 2013

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 16, 2013, 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 kept his own money in his client trust account and used those funds to pay his office rent. Also, Mr. Freeman failed to maintain reasonable communication with a client and then failed to provide subsequent counsel with the client's file. Finally, Mr. Freeman neglected a different client's case by failing to act with reasonable diligence and failing to communicate with the client.

By these acts, Michael Lloyd Freeman, has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.15 (safekeeping property), 1.16 (declining and terminating representation) and 3.2 (expediting litigation) 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.

Freeman 35453; 35725c; 35852-5 rel.doc

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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V
OF THE
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OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: MICHAEL LLOYD FREEMAN, BPR NO. 28698
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

FILE NOS. 35453-5(N)-PS,
35725c-5-PS, 35852-5-PS

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaints were filed against Michael Lloyd Freeman, #28698, 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 these matters at its meeting on September 13, 2013.

In the first case, Mr. Freeman misused his trust account by keeping his own funds in the trust account and using those funds to pay his office rent. In the second case, Mr. Freeman failed to maintain reasonable communication with his client and failed to provide subsequent counsel with his client's file. In the third case, Mr. Freeman neglected his client's case.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Freeman has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.15 (safekeeping property), 1.16 (declining and terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY


Lela Hollabaugh, Chair

October 16, 2013
Date