

IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT III
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: David J. Fulton, BPR No. 006102
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

FILE No. 70672-3-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against David J. Fulton, 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 9, 2022.

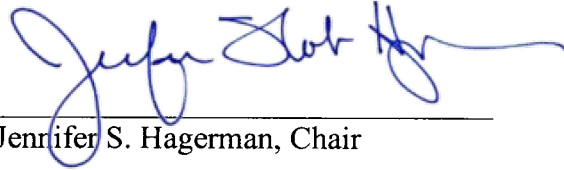
Mr. Fulton represented a client in the filing of Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Mr. Fulton prepared the petition and accompanying schedules, and he received oral approval of his clients to file the documents. The client did not sign hard copies of the documents. Mr. Fulton electronically filed three documents in March 2022, and five additional documents in April 2022 which included the client's electronic signature. Local Rules for the Bankruptcy Court require the attorney to maintain an original signature for any document electronically signed by the client.

After it was discovered that Mr. Fulton did not have original client signatures on the bankruptcy documents, he submitted new filings with the court for which he did have original signatures. Mr. Fulton was sanctioned by the court for this conduct. The client's bankruptcy was completed.

By the aforementioned acts, David J. Fulton has violated Rule 3.3 (candor to the tribunal), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel), 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty) 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

January 23, 2023

Date