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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DANNY C. GARLAND, II, BPR #17992
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KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On August 10, 2017, the Tennessee Supreme Court affirmed a Public Censure for Knoxville attorney Danny C. Garland, II.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a petition for discipline against Mr. Garland based upon allegations of failure to communicate and failure to exercise appropriate diligence. Mr. Garland began representation of an adoption matter in September 2010. Over the course of almost three (3) years, Mr. Garland failed to ensure reasonable communication with his client. Further, Mr. Garland failed to ensure a timely resolution despite having obtained agreement to the adoption by the opposing party on July 11, 2011, and again, on September 12, 2012, following an Order by the trial court to prosecute the matter. A hearing panel found that Mr. Garland had violated the Rules of Professional Conduct and recommended that he be publicly censured. Mr. Garland appealed the decision to the Knox County Chancery Court, which affirmed the decision of the hearing panel. Mr. Garland then appealed to the Tennessee Supreme Court. A majority of the Tennessee Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of the trial court, with a dissenting opinion.

Mr. Garland violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; and 8.4(a), Misconduct.

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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