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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: LEWIS K. GARRISON, BPR #008311
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April 17, 2019

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 16, 2019, Mr. Garrison was publicly censured by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Garrison must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

A petition for discipline was filed against Mr. Garrison on June 20, 2017. Mr. Garrison represented a client in a personal injury claim arising from an automobile accident. Mr. Garrison provided financial assistance to his client by paying the deposit so that the client might obtain a rental car and by advancing money to the client from a settlement with which to pay the client's rent. Mr. Garrison had been disciplined on four prior occasions for improperly providing financial assistance to clients. A hearing panel found that Mr. Garrison had violated the Rules of Professional Conduct and recommended that he be publicly censured.

Mr. Garrison's ethical misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.8(e), Conflict of Interest; 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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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: LEWIS K. GARRISON, BPR #008311

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2019-00619-SC-BAR-BP

BOPR No. 2017-2730-9-WM

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Lewis K. Garrison on June 20, 2017; upon the Answer of Respondent Lewis K. Garrison filed by Mr. Garrison on July 20, 2017; upon a hearing on December 6, 2018; upon the Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on January 14, 2019; upon service of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel upon Mr. Garrison by the Executive Secretary for the Board on January 14, 2019; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs filed on January 15, 2019; upon the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered January 31, 2019; upon service of the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs upon Mr. Garrison by the Executive Secretary for the Board on January 31, 2019; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 8, 2019; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Judgment as the Court's Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

- (1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4, Lewis K. Garrison is publicly censured.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Garrison shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount

of \$1,695.18 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(4) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM