

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

IN RE: CARRIE W. GASAWAY
BPR No. 18746
Formerly an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Montgomery County)

FILE NOS. 42265-6-ES, 42461c-6-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Carrie Watson Gasaway, formerly 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 December 11, 2015.

Ms. Gasaway accepted from a client a \$5,000 nonrefundable retainer, with \$250 designated for trust. Ms. Gasaway did no work on the civil matter for two years, and then defended two depositions. Ms. Gasaway provided no explanation for her use of the funds held in trust. In another matter, Ms. Gasaway accepted \$3,500 from a client and did no work, and she failed to respond to requests for information from the client. Ms. Gasaway has failed to respond to these disciplinary complaints.

By the aforementioned acts, Ms. Gasaway has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping funds), 1.16 (terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 8.1 (disciplinary matters) and 8.4 (prejudice to the administration of justice). Ms. Gasaway is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

Additionally, within ninety (90) days, Ms. Gasaway shall pay restitution to the first client in an amount of \$250, and pay restitution to the second client in an amount of \$3,500, and provide proof of such payment to Disciplinary Counsel.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Michael King, Chair



Date

4/13/16