

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

IN RE: MICHAEL ROBERT GIAIMO, #019394
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Putnam County)

FILE NO. 72037-4-MB

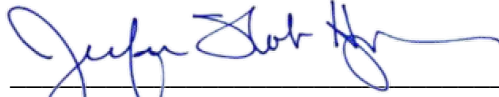
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Michael Robert Giaimo, #019394, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 16.1(d), a committee of three members of the Board of Professional Responsibility reviewed the findings and recommendation of the Disciplinary Counsel regarding this matter.

Mr. Giaimo filed lawsuits on behalf of a client in General Sessions Court and Circuit Court, but thereafter failed to communicate with the client for a period of more than a year and failed to inform the client that he had moved to a different firm. Mr. Giaimo additionally failed to properly serve process on one of the three defendants in the Circuit Court action, and failed to correct this mistake before the statute of limitations ran on the claim, doing irreparable damage to the underlying claim. When confronted by the Complainant regarding this mistake, the Respondent withdrew from representing the Complainant.

By these acts, Mr. Giaimo has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (*competence*), 1.3 (*diligence*), 1.4 (*communication*), 1.16 (*terminating representation*), and 3.2 (*expediting litigation*), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. This Public Censure will not restrict Mr. Giaimo's license to practice law in any way. Mr. Giaimo cooperated with the investigation of this matter and agrees to this resolution.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Jennifer Hagerman, Chair

February 22, 2024

Date