

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

IN RE: Jerry Ronald Givens, BPR No. 022102
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

FILE No. 100610-2024-2-ES-INV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Jerry Ronald Givens, BPR No. 022102, 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 March 14, 2025.

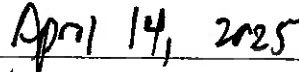
Mr. Givens represented Complainant in a civil general sessions lawsuit. Mr. Givens failed to attend the initial trial setting, at which a judgment was entered against his client. Two days later, the judgment was sent to Mr. Givens via email by opposing counsel. Mr. Givens untimely appealed the judgment to circuit court after the 10-day appeal deadline. The circuit court dismissed the general sessions appeal, and Mr. Givens filed an appeal to the court of appeals. Mr. Givens did not timely file his appellate brief; he failed to comply with an extension of time to file the brief; and he failed to file a motion for extension of time to file the brief after being directed to do so by the court.

By the aforementioned acts, Jerry Ronald Givens has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel), and Rule 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Culver Schmid, Chair



Date