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

IN RE: ROBERT HARRIS GOLDER, BPR NO. 034911

Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee (Shelby County)

FILE NOS. 61380c-9-SC, 62045c-9-SC, and 64127c-9-SC

## **PUBLIC CENSURE**

The above complaint was filed against Robert Harris Golder, #034911, 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 March 12, 2021.

Mr. Golder represented two clients in petitions for post-conviction relief, and a third client in a petition for habeas relief. In all three matters, Mr. Golder delayed in taking proper action on behalf of his clients, failed to respond to inquiries from his clients, and failed to keep his clients updated on the status of their cases. In the habeas proceeding, Mr. Golder also missed applicable court deadlines and failed to deposit unearned fees into his trust account.

By these acts, Mr. Golder has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

 $\frac{4-13-21}{\text{Date}}$