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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: HAROLD WAYNE GRAVES, BPR #009780
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July 23, 2026

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 23, 2026, Harold Wayne Graves, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Graves agreed to represent a client in connection with a closed probate matter. The client was a named beneficiary who requested that Mr. Graves review the court record and other documentation to confirm that the estate had been properly administered. The fee agreement drafted by Mr. Graves and signed by the client failed to adequately define the scope of representation. After undertaking the representation, Mr. Graves delayed taking action for the client and failed to respond to the client's communications about the status of the representation. Following discharge, Mr. Graves failed to respond to the client's requests for her file materials and a refund of her fees.

By these acts, Harold Wayne Graves has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5(a) (fees), 1.5(b) (scope of representation), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), and 1.16(d) (terminating representation) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. The Public Censure shall be conditioned on Mr. Graves's payment of \$600.00 in restitution to the client within sixty (60) days of the date of entry.

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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