



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

IN RE: Harold Wayne Graves, BPR No. 009780
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Washington County)

File No. 101710-2025-1-SC-INV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Harold Wayne Graves, BPR No. 009780, 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 June 12, 2026.

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 in 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.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



R. Culver Schmid, Chair

Date July 23, 2026