



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

IN RE: ROBERT GREENE, BPR #006515
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 100828-2024-5-SC-INV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Robert Greene, #006515, 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 June 13, 2025.

Mr. Greene represented clients in defense of a lawsuit in General Sessions Court. Due to an error in his calendaring of the trial date, Mr. Greene and his clients did not appear at trial, resulting in entry of a default judgment. Mr. Greene was not forthright in his subsequent communications with this clients that the trial date was missed solely due to his own scheduling error.

Mr. Greene filed a motion to set aside the default judgment. The motion was frivolous, as it was untimely filed and did not recite any legal authorities to support tolling of the statutory deadline. In an affidavit affixed to the motion, Mr. Greene falsely claimed that the trial date was missed due to confusion with opposing counsel rather than Mr. Greene's own scheduling error. Mr. Greene also later filed a motion to withdraw that falsely claimed that Mr. Greene's clients failed to provide documentation in support of their factual position that would have been asserted at trial.

Mr. Greene paid a significant portion of the judgment out of his own personal funds, without prior notice or consent from his clients. A settlement was subsequently reached where Mr. Greene's clients paid the remaining portion of the judgment.

By these acts, Mr. Greene has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (*competence*), 1.2(a) (*complying with a client's decision regarding a settlement*), 1.3 (*diligence*), 1.4 (*communication*), 1.8(e) (*financial assistance to a client in connection with pending or prospective litigation*), 1.16(d) (*declining or terminating representation*), 3.1 (*meritorious claims*), 3.3(a)(1) (*misrepresentation to a tribunal*), and 8.4 (*dishonesty*) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



R. Culver Schmid, Chair



Date