

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

IN RE: Sheryl D. Guinn, #025420
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee

FILE No. 71326c-5-ES

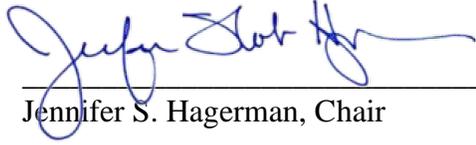
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Sheryl D. Guinn, 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 14, 2024.

Ms. Guinn filed a healthcare liability lawsuit against a psychiatrist who treated her client. Ms. Guinn did not believe there was a good faith basis to file the lawsuit, and she so informed her client, but the client insisted that she wanted to file the lawsuit. Ms. Guinn charged the client a \$3,000 retainer to file the lawsuit. The defendants were successful in moving to dismiss the lawsuit, and sanctions were awarded against Ms. Guinn.

By the aforementioned acts, Sheryl Guinn is in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.5 (fees), 3.1 (meritorious claims and contentions), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Jennifer S. Hagerman, Chair

July 22, 2024

Date