

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

IN RE: David L. Hamblen, #010234
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee

FILE No. 74334-8-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

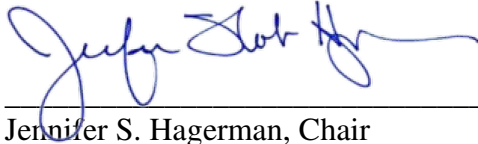
The above complaint was filed against David Hamblen, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered this matter at its meeting on March 8, 2024.

Respondent represents the mother of a child in contentious custody litigation in which an order had been entered granting the mother supervised visitation. A few months later, opposing counsel sent a draft revised parenting plan to Respondent which allowed for unsupervised visitation. Prior to the entry of any agreed parenting plan, however, Respondent's client called him and said she was having a problem arranging for her visitation to be supervised on a particular day. Respondent then instructed his client to go ahead with unsupervised visitation.

Opposing counsel filed a motion for contempt due to Respondent's client's exercise of unsupervised visitation. Respondent sent a letter to opposing counsel and informed her that he "took it upon [him]self" to instruct his client not to comply with the existing court order, and that he knew no order had been entered relieving her of the supervised visitation.

By the aforementioned acts, David Hamblen is in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 3.4 (fairness to opposing party) 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

April 23, 2024

Date