October 10, 2019

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 10, 2019, Don Anthony Handley, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The public censure arose out of two disciplinary complaints. In the first complaint, Mr. Handley failed to timely file suit for a personal injury client. In the second complaint, Mr. Handley delayed in transmitting settlement funds held in his trust account to a medical provider claiming a subrogation interest. In both complaints, Mr. Handley failed to maintain good communication with his clients.

By these acts, Don Anthony Handley has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), and 1.16(d) (declining or terminating representation) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney’s ability to practice law.

Handley 54200-9; 60228-9 rel.doc
IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT IX
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: DON ANTHONY HANDLEY, BPR NO. 21503
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

FILE NOS. 54200-9-SC
and 60228-9-SC

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaints were filed against Don Anthony Handley, #21503, 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 September 13, 2019.

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