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

IN RE: DON ANTHONY HANDLEY, BPR NO. 21503

FILE NOS. 54200-9-SC Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee

and 60228-9-SC

(Shelby County)

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.

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.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

10-10-19 Date