

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

IN RE: JOHN THOMPSON HARDING, BPR NO. 17751
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Sumner County)

FILE NO. 37301-6-KB

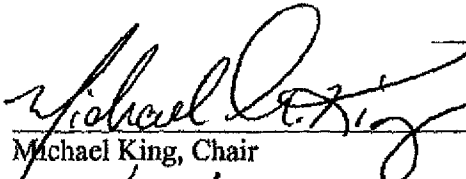
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against John Thompson Harding, 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 March 13, 2015.

Mr. Harding failed to deposit a client's refundable fee into his trust account and instead commingled the funds into his operating account. Mr. Harding also had his client enter into a fee agreement seven (7) months after his representation began which was more advantageous to Mr. Harding without advising his client of the reasonable opportunity to seek the advice of independent counsel.

By these acts, John Thompson Harding has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.5 (fees), 1.8(a) (conflict of interest), and 1.15 (safekeeping property) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY


Michael King, Chair
4/28/15
Date