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

FILE NO. 40521c-6-BG

IN RE: R. W. HARDISON, BPR NO. 9479

Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee

(Maury County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against R. W. Hardison, #9479, 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 December 11, 2015.

In September 2014, Mr. Hardison's communication with his clients and diligence in handling his clients' case significantly declined. After being discharged by the clients, Mr. Hardison failed to promptly surrender the clients' file. Additionally, during October 2014, Mr. Hardison continued working in his law office and performing legal activities despite the fact that his law license had been suspended for failing to comply with continuing legal education requirements.

By these acts, R. W. Hardison has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16 (terminating representation), and 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law).

Mr. Hardison is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Michael King, Chair

Jan. 28, 0

Date