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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: BAILEY MCKILLOP HARNED, BPR #027280**  
**CONTACT: MARCY SHELTON**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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February 4, 2020

**KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On January 29, 2020, Bailey McKillop Harned, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Harned was retained by the minor child's mother to reinstate visitation that the child's father had unilaterally stopped. Ms. Harned was paid a flat fee. Although she did not obtain a written fee agreement, she did not deposit the fee into her trust account. Ms. Harned failed to communicate with her client and finally filed a petition to modify custody on the client's behalf more than one (1) year after she was retained. At that time, it was discovered that the minor child had been adopted by the father's new wife sixteen (16) months earlier.

By these acts, Ms. Harned, has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), and RPC 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds) 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.

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

IN RE: BAILEY MCKILLOP HARNED, BPR NO. 27280  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Knox County)

FILE NO. 61173-2-MS

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Bailey McKillop Harned, #027280, 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 13, 2019.

Ms. Harned was retained by a client to reinstate supervised visitation with her child that the child's father had unilaterally stopped. The client paid Ms. Harned a flat fee. The client did not sign a fee agreement, and Ms. Harned did not deposit the sums into a trust account. Ms. Harned did not file any petition on the client's behalf for over a year after she had been retained and failed to respond to client phone calls about the status of the representation. When Ms. Harned finally filed a petition and served it upon the child's father, it was discovered that child had been adopted by father's wife sixteen (16) months earlier.

By the aforementioned acts, Bailey McKillop Harned has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), and RPC 1.15 (safekeeping

property and funds) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Floyd S. Flippin*

Floyd Flippin, Chair

01/29/2020

Date