

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

IN RE: BAILEY MCKILLOP HARNED, BPR NO. 27280 FILE NO. 61173-2-MS
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

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