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

IN RE: DAVID DWAYNE HARRIS, #32607

Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee (Williamson County)

FILE NOS. 41241c-5-ES, 42362c-5-ES, 48725-5-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaints were filed against David Dwayne Harris, 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 9, 2016.

In two client matters, Mr. Harris failed to respond to multiple requests for information from the clients over the course of several months. In another matter, Mr. Harris agreed to appeal the denial of a client's federal *habeas corpus* petition. Mr. Harris filed the notice of appeal untimely, and failed to respond to the appellate court's show cause order on why the appeal should not be dismissed. In each matter, Mr. Harris' clients suffered potential harm.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Harris is in violation of Rules 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16 (termination of representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Michael King, Chair

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