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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DAVID DWAYNE HARRIS, BPR #32607
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January 13, 2017

WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 11, 2017, David Dwayne Harris, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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 these 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

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

Harris 41241c-5; 42362c-5; 48725-5 rel.doc

IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VI
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
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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

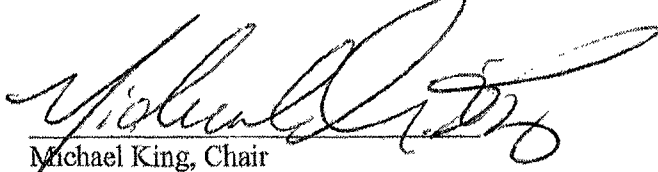
PUBLIC CENSURE

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.

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FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Michael King, Chair

1/11/2017
Date