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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: RANDALL KEITH HATFIELD, BPR #18026
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July 11, 2017

KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 10, 2017, Randall Keith Hatfield, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Hatfield failed to diligently represent his client or expedite the litigation in his client's post-conviction proceeding. Mr. Hatfield also failed to adequately communicate with his client and other persons associated with the representation and was ultimately removed as appointed counsel by the court.

By these acts, Randall Keith Hatfield, has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial 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.

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

IN RE: RANDALL KEITH HATFIELD, BPR NO. 18026,
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

FILE NO. 45352c-2-KB

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Randall Keith Hatfield, 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 this matter at its meeting on June 9, 2017.

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FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY


Michael King, Chair

7-10-2017
Date