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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: GERALD TODD EIDSON, BPR #017342**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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July 11, 2019

**HAWKINS COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On July 10, 2019, Gerald Todd Eidson, a Tennessee licensed attorney, was publicly censured by the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Additionally, Mr. Eidson must engage a practice monitor at his own expense and meet with the practice monitor on a monthly basis to review basic office procedures. Mr. Eidson was ordered to pay the costs and expenses of the Board.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline on May 8, 2018 concerning one (1) complaint of misconduct. Mr. Eidson was appointed to represent an incarcerated client who had filed a *pro se* petition for post-conviction relief. Mr. Eidson failed to adequately communicate with his client and did not act diligently. As a result, the *pro se* petition for post-conviction was dismissed by the trial court. Mr. Eidson was able to have the order of dismissal set aside, and the client was appointed new counsel. Mr. Eidson executed a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging that his misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication) and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

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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AT NASHVILLE

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An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Hawkins County)

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**No. M2019-01137-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2018-2862-1-AJ

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Gerald Todd Eidson on May 8, 2018; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed on June 25, 2018; upon Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Eidson on May 24, 2019; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on May 28, 2019; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 14, 2019; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order recommending approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4, Gerald Todd Eidson, is hereby publicly censured. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.8, the imposition of the public censure is conditioned upon appointment of a practice monitor as set forth below:

(a) Mr. Eidson shall engage a practice monitor for a period of one (1) year who shall be selected and approved in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9(c). Mr. Eidson shall provide a list of potential practice monitors for selection by the Board within fifteen (15) days of entry of this order.

(b) The practice monitor shall meet with Mr. Eidson on a monthly basis to review basic office procedures such as the scheduling and maintenance of case deadlines and the use of written communication and fee agreements. A monthly written report must be provided to Disciplinary Counsel.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Eidson shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$848.44 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(3) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

PER CURIAM