

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

IN RE: CLEO GREER HOGAN, #012664 Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee (Montgomery County)

FILE NO. 100155-2024-6-SC-INV; and 100403-2024-6-SC-INV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaints were filed against Cleo Greer Hogan, #012664, 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, 2024.

Mr. Hogan represented two clients in pursuing social security disability benefits. Mr. Hogan received notice from the Social Security Administration of the denial of each client's request for reconsideration of the initial denial of their claims. Due to inadequate case management protocols, Mr. Hogan missed the appeal deadline for both clients. After subsequently discovering his error, Mr. Hogan told both clients that their only option was to file a new application for benefits. Mr. Hogan declined to request a good cause extension of the appeal deadline, as permitted by applicable law, or advise the clients of this option.

By these acts, Mr. Hogan has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 5.1 (responsibilities of partners, managers and supervisory lawyers), 5.3 (responsibilities regarding non-lawyer assistants) and 8.4 (misconduct), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

R. Culver Schmid, Chair

1-8.25

Date