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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MATTHEW HOLLINGSHEAD-COOK, BPR #025939
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KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 18, 2023, Matthew Hollingshead-Cook, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Hollingshead-Cook received settlement funds from a client and deposited them into his trust account. Mr. Hollingshead-Cook then took a break from practicing law and did not give the client her settlement funds for more than three years. The funds remained in trust during the interim. In another client matter, Mr. Hollingshead-Cook deposited client funds into his trust account which were a distribution from an estate. He did not remit the funds to his client for almost two years, but the funds remained in trust. Mr. Hollingshead-Cook also inadvertently wrote a \$100 check on a personal matter using trust account funds.

By these acts, Matthew Hollingshead-Cook, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping funds), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), and 1.16 (termination of representation) 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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