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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PHILLIP GORDON HOLLIS, BPR #7461
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February 10, 2021

BENTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On February 9, 2021, Phillip Gordon Hollis, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Hollis failed to provide notice to his clients, opposing counsel, and the courts that he had been administratively suspended on March 11, 2020, and his clients were unable to get in touch with him. Mr. Hollis failed to appear for a scheduled court hearing and subsequently informed the court that he had provided written notice to his clients of his suspension. On June 23, 2020, Mr. Hollis was ordered by the court to provide copies of the notices he had provided to his clients but was unable to do so. Mr. Hollis later acknowledged he had not sent such letters to his clients and was removed as counsel by the court.

By these acts, Mr. Hollis has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16(d) (terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.3 (candor toward tribunal), 3.4(c) (disobeying obligation under rules of tribunal), and 8.4(a)(c)(d) (misconduct) 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 VII
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: Phillip Gordon Hollis, Respondent,
BPR# 7461, an attorney licensed to
practice law in Tennessee.
(Benton County)

FILE NO. 64913-7-KB

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Phillip Gordon Hollis, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December 11, 2020.

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FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



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Date