IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT 0 OF THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: JERRY DELL HOLMES, BPR NO. 16150

Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee (Wilmington, NC)

FILE NOs. 44642n-0-BG 44643n-0-BG 45879n-0-SC

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Jerry Dell Holmes, #16150, 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 September 9, 2016.

Mr. Holmes operates a title and escrow company. Mr. Holmes did not maintain adequate bookkeeping procedures and failed to properly train and supervise nonlawyer staff. As a result, at least twenty overdrafts occurred on Mr. Holmes' trust accounts over a six month period.

By these acts, Jerry Dell Holmes has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds) and 5.3 (responsibilities regarding nonlawyer assistants), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Oct. 14,2016 Date