October 20, 2020

KNOXVILLE LAWYER CENSURED

On October 16, 2020, George Turner Howard, III, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Howard shared fees with outside counsel without first obtaining the informed consent of his clients in writing. Mr. Howard also provided financial assistance to clients, held out certain non-lawyer staff as persons holding corporate officer positions in his firm, and made deceptive statements through his advertising. Mr. Howard has corrected these issues and has agreed to discontinue such conduct.

By these acts, George Turner Howard, III has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.5(e) (fees), 1.8(e) (conflict of interest), 5.4(d) (professional independence of a lawyer), 7.1 (communications concerning a lawyer’s services), 7.4 (communication of fields of practice and specialization) 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.

Howard 63035-2 rel.doc
IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT II
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: George Turner Howard, III, Respondent,
BPR# 7111, an attorney licensed to
practice law in Tennessee.
(Knox County)

FILE NO. 63035-2-KB

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against George Turner Howard, III, 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 September 11, 2020.

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FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd Flippen, Chair

10-16-20
Date