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

PUBLIC CENSURE

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.

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

By the aforementioned 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), and 7.4 (communication of fields of practice and specialization), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd Flippin, Chair

10-40-20

Date