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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: DARRYL WAYNE HUMPHREY, BPR #016471**  
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July 3, 2025

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On July 3, 2025, Darryl Wayne Humphrey, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Humphrey took over representation of a personal injury client in his colleague's absence, entering his appearance as attorney of record. During his representation, Mr. Humphrey negligently failed to file all of the discovery responses and to reply to opposing counsel's discovery inquiries, which led to a motion to compel being filed against the client. Mr. Humphrey failed to notify the client of the motion and of the subsequent court ruling that the client pay the opposing party's attorney fees. Mr. Humphrey's failure to maintain communication with opposing counsel regarding discovery resulted in injury or potential injury to the client through the motion to compel and attorney fee sanction issued to the client.

By these acts, Mr. Humphrey has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4(a) (communication), and 8.4(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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