

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

IN RE: DARRYL WAYNE HUMPHREY, BPR NO. 016471  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

FILE NO.  
100017-2023-9-TT-INV

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Darryl Wayne Humphrey, #016471, 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 June 13, 2025.

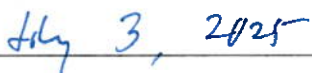
Mr. Humphrey took over representation of a personal injury client in his colleague's absence, entering his appearance as attorney of record. During his representation, Mr. Humphrey negligently failed to file all of the discovery responses and to reply to opposing counsel's discovery inquiries, which 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.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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R. Culver Schmid, Chair

  
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