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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN BENNETH IWU, BPR #024522
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September 20, 2018

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On September 19, 2018, John Benneth Iwu, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In December 2017, Mr. Iwu authorized two electronic payments representing filing fees from his trust account knowing that his trust account contained personal funds that would not be sufficient to cover the amount of the payments. While Mr. Iwu anticipated depositing client funds into the account to cover the filing fees, he ultimately forgot resulting in an overdraft on the account.

By these acts, Mr. Iwu has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15 (Safekeeping Funds), 8.4(b) (Criminal Conduct) and 8.4(c) (Conduct Involving Dishonesty) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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IN RE: John Benneth Iwu, BPR NO. 024522
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 55234n-5-PS

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against John Benneth Iwu, #024522, 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 8, 2018.

In December 2017, Mr. Iwu authorized two electronic payments representing filing fees from his trust account, knowing that his trust account contained personal funds that would not be sufficient to cover the amount of the payments. While Mr. Iwu anticipated depositing client funds into the account to cover the filing fees, he ultimately forgot, resulting in an overdraft on the account.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Iwu has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(Safekeeping Funds), 8.4(b) (Criminal Conduct) and 8.4 (c) (Conduct Involving Dishonesty) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jimmie C. Miller

Jimmie C. Miller, Chair

09-19-18

Date