

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

IN RE: CRYSTAL GOAN JESSEE, BPR NO. 024445
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Greene County)

FILE NO. 69954-1-DN

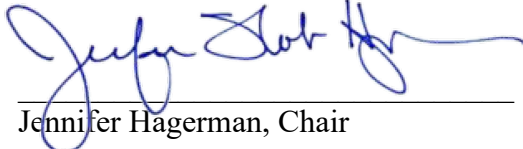
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Crystal Goan Jessee, #024445, 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 March 10, 2023.

In the representing her client in a criminal case, Ms. Jessee filed a poorly drafted and ambiguous motion to recuse. In the motion and affidavit, Ms. Jessee made a frivolous statement concerning the judge's representation of his current wife in a prior divorce proceeding without making reasonable inquiry regarding the truth of this assertion. Ms. Jessee's statement implied that such conduct by the judge was improper. Further, Ms. Jessee made a reckless statement that the judge had endorsed her opponent in an election in violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

By these acts, Ms. Jessee has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 3.1 (meritorious claims and contentions), and 8.2 (judicial and legal officials) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Jennifer Hagerman, Chair

April 24, 2023

Date