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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: TIFFANY MARCILYNNE JOHNS, #027860
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WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 24, 2019, Tiffany Marcilynne Johns, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Johns was hired to defend a client on a petition for contempt. The petition alleged that Ms. Johns' client had sent text messages to a neighbor in violation of an order of protection. Prior to any evidentiary hearing on the matter, Ms. Johns recommended that her client settle the matter by paying the neighbor's alleged lost wages and attorney fees, without any proof of the wages provided, in a total amount "up to \$5,000." Ms. Johns and opposing counsel believed an agreement had been reached on these terms, but over the next two weeks, Ms. Johns' client sent her two text messages and an email indicating she did not believe the matter had been settled.

Opposing counsel then provided a draft order for Ms. Johns' approval which stated that Ms. Johns' client would pay the neighbor \$5,500. Ms. Johns told opposing counsel to sign her name to the order without providing a copy of it to her client for review.

By these acts, Ms. Johns has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), and 1.4 (communication) 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.