



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

**IN RE: CURTIS DOUGLAS JOHNSON, #015518**  
**Respondent, an attorney licensed to**  
**practice law in Tennessee**  
**(Shelby County)**

**FILE NO. 100424-2024-9-SC-INV**

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**PUBLIC CENSURE**


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The above complaint was filed against Curtis Douglas Johnson, #015518, an attorney licensed 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 14, 2025.

Mr. Johnson knowingly failed to file fee disclosures required by the Federal Bankruptcy Court, even after instruction by the Court to file such fee disclosures. Mr. Johnson failed to promptly notify his client that he had received and accepted a settlement offer from her landlord in a wrongful eviction case. Mr. Johnson later failed to notify his client that he had received settlement funds from her landlord. Mr. Johnson then distributed funds held in trust for a different client to the first client, before the check for her settlement was deposited and cleared.

By these acts, Mr. Johnson has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (*communication*), 1.15(a) and (d) (*safekeeping property and funds*), and 3.4(c) (*knowingly disobey obligation of tribunal*) 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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