



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

IN RE: Stephanie Branam Johnson, BPR No. 030782 FILE NO. 101428-2025-4-SC-INV
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Putnam County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Stephanie Branam Johnson, #030782, 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 13, 2026.

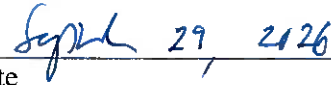
Ms. Johnson represented a client in a probate proceeding and in pursuing an order of protection. When Ms. Johnson undertook the representation, she was a partner in a private firm. While the representation was ongoing, Ms. Johnson left the firm and opened a solo practice. Ms. Johnson failed to notify her client of the move. After being discharged by her client, Ms. Johnson did not respond to the client's request for an accounting of her fees. Ms. Johnson also failed to respond to a request for information from Disciplinary Counsel after the opening of the Board's investigation.

By these acts, Stephanie Branam Johnson has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (communication), 1.16(d) (terminating representation), and 8.1(b) (bar admission and disciplinary matters) and is hereby publicly censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Culver Schmid, Chair



Date