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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAMES BRODERICK JOHNSON, BPR #015509**  
**CONTACT: JERRY MORGAN**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

October 4, 2019

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On October 4, 2019, James Broderick Johnson, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court conditioned upon payment of fees to the Board of Professional Responsibility in the amount of \$2,703.51.

Mr. Johnson made a misrepresentation to the court during a hearing. The court took a recess to give Mr. Johnson the opportunity to discuss the statement with his counsel. When the court resumed the hearing, Mr. Johnson acknowledged the misrepresentation and corrected the statement.

Mr. Johnson executed a conditional guilty plea in which he acknowledged his misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 3.3(a)(1) (Candor toward the Tribunal) and 8.4(c) (Misconduct).

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 THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the  
Appellate Courts

**IN RE: JAMES BRODERICK JOHNSON, BPR #015509**

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

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**No. M2019-01706-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2018-2938-5-WM

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against James Broderick Johnson on November 20, 2018; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Johnson on January 3, 2019; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Johnson on August 14, 2019; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on August 26, 2019; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea upon Mr. Johnson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on August 27, 2019; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 13, 2019; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

- (1) Mr. Johnson is publicly censured, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Johnson shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,703.51. Mr. Johnson agrees to pay the amount of Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) per month, for four (4) months, on the first day of each month after the entry of the Supreme Court's Order of Enforcement, and \$703.51 on the first day of the fifth month after the entry of the Supreme Court's Order of Enforcement. In the event Mr. Johnson fails to make any payment as required herein, the Board may reopen its disciplinary file and conduct further proceedings pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.8.

(4) Mr. Johnson shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(5) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM