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

IN RE: Charles Scott Justice, BPR No. 025496
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee

(Knox County)

FILE No. 71604-2-ES

## PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Charles Scott Justice, 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 this matter at its meeting on June 9, 2023.

In May 2019, a client hired Mr. Justice to file a lawsuit for damages arising from the alleged faulty construction of a deck at the client's residence. Mr. Justice filed the lawsuit in March 2020. The trial date was continued several times and then taken off the court's active docket in April 2021. The client contacted Mr. Justice about the status of the matter in June, September and October 2021, with no substantive response from Mr. Justice. Mr. Justice sent an email to the client in March 2022 stating that he wanted to withdraw from the matter, but the client did not receive the email. Mr. Justice did not move to withdraw from the case and took no further action.

By the aforementioned acts, Charles Scott Justice is in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.16 (termination of representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication) and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

## FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jenn fer S. Hagerman, Chair

July 18, 2023

Date