

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

IN RE: Marti Lee Kaufman, BPR No. 011555  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

FILES NO. 100386-2024-9-ES-INV  
100799-2024-9-ES-INV  
100820-2024-9-ES-INV

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaints were filed against Marti Lee Kaufman, BPR No. 011555, 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 14, 2025.

Ms. Kaufman represented a client in a car wreck matter in which the insurer for the other driver accepted responsibility. Ms. Kaufman delayed 17 months in filing the lawsuit and then failed to properly serve the defendant. Ms. Kaufman later entered an agreement with the client to settle a potential malpractice claim.

In the second matter, Ms. Kaufman represented a client in a car accident matter in which she took no action for 17 months, and then took no further action after filing a complaint. In the third matter, Ms. Kaufman was hired to represent a client in a civil fraud matter, and she failed to take any action for 30 months. Ms. Kaufman later refunded the client's retainer.

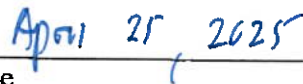
By the aforementioned acts, Marti Lee Kaufman has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4 (misconduct)

and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Culver Schmid, Chair



Date