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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KEVIN MCLEAN KELLY, #027345
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 24, 2023, Kevin McLean Kelly, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In the first complaint, Mr. Kelly failed to adequately communicate with his client. Mr. Kelly failed to stay abreast of the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals opinion issued on November 30, 2020, failed to apprise his client of the same, and failed to preserve his client's right to appeal. Mr. Kelly also did not timely withdraw from the representation, which would have allowed his client to retain new appellate counsel or proceed *pro se*.

In a second complaint, Mr. Kelly failed to adequately communicate with his client. Mr. Kelly also failed to withdraw from the representation after being discharged by the client.

By these acts, Mr. Kelly has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.16 (terminating representation); and 3.2 (expediting litigation) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

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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