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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES GREGORY KING, BPR #17439
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March 14, 2017

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On March 13, 2017, James Gregory King, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

A show cause order was entered in one of Mr. King's divorce cases requiring Mr. King's client to appear before the Court with data stored on his cell phone. The parties and their counsel attempted to reach an agreement in resolution of the show cause order while in Court waiting for their case to be called. Acting under Mr. King's direction, Mr. King's client deleted the data from his cell phone before a final agreement was reached and presented to the Court for approval.

By these acts, James Gregory King has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.4(a) (unlawful destruction of material having potential evidentiary value) and 3.4(c) (knowing disobedience to the rules of a tribunal) 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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: JAMES GREGORY KING, BPR NO. 17439
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 48167-5-SC

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against James Gregory King, #17439, 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 December 9, 2016.

An order was entered in one of Mr. King's divorce cases requiring Mr. King's client to appear before the Court with photographic material and other data stored on his cell phone and show cause why the data should not be filed under seal. The parties and their counsel attempted to reach an agreement while in Court waiting for their case to be called. One of the options considered was to require Mr. King to delete all of the data from his cell phone. Acting under Mr. King's direction, Mr. King's client deleted the data from his cell phone before a final agreement was reached and presented to the Court for approval.

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FOR THE BOARD OF
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Michael King, Chair

3/13/2017
Date