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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES GREGORY KING, BPR #17439
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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October 18, 2018

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 18, 2018, 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.

In the representation of a client in a domestic relations proceeding, Mr. King failed to take proper action to comply with a scheduling order which led to the dismissal of the client's petition. Prior to the hearing on the motion to dismiss, Mr. King made misleading statements to his client about the nature and significance of the motion and hearing. Mr. King also accepted a refundable fee from a relative of the client without the client's knowledge and consent and failed to deposit this fee into his escrow account.

By these acts, James Gregory King, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4(a) (communication), 1.8(f) (accepting fees or direction from a third party), 1.15(c) (safeguarding client funds), and 3.2 (expediting litigation), and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation. Additionally, as a condition of the Public Censure, Mr. King shall refund \$2,500.00 in attorney fees to the relative of the client within sixty (60) days of issuance of this Public Censure.

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 5
OF THE
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IN RE: JAMES GREGORY KING, BPR NO. 17439
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 54724-5-SC

PUBLIC CENSURE

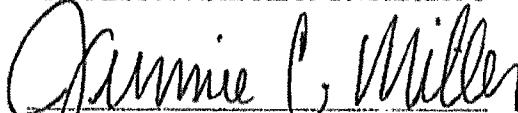
The above complaint was filed against James Gregory King, #17439, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on September 14, 2018.

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FOR THE BOARD OF
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Jimmie C. Miller, Chair

10-18-18

Date