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OF THE
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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES RANDALL KRENIS, BPR #21563
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October 26, 2020

JACKSON LAWYER CENSURED

On October 23, 2020, James Randall Krenis, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Krenis was paid a portion of a non-refundable fee to assist a client but failed to provide legal services until the full amount of the non-refundable fee was paid. Mr. Krenis also charged other fees which were unreasonable. Mr. Krenis later changed the scope of his representation and increased his fees without obtaining the informed consent of his client in writing or giving his client the opportunity to meet with independent counsel. Mr. Krenis failed to file any pleadings or make any court appearances on behalf of his client and failed to adequately communicate with his client about the status of the representation.

By these acts, James Randall Krenis has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.2 (scope of representation), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.8(a) (conflict of interest), and 8.4(a)(d) (misconduct), 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 VII
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: James Randall Krenis, Respondent,
BPR# 21563, an attorney licensed to
practice law in Tennessee.
(Madison County)

FILE NO. 62402-7-KB

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against James Randall Krenis, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on September 11, 2020.

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By the aforementioned acts, James Randall Krenis has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.2 (scope of representation), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.8(a) (conflict of interest), and 8.4(a)(d) (misconduct), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S. Flippin

Floyd Flippin, Chair

10-23-2020

Date