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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WESLEY JESSE LADNER, III, BPR NO. 035788
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March 4, 2024

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On March 4, 2024, Wesley Jesse Ladner, III, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Supreme Court of Tennessee and was ordered to pay the costs and fees of the Board of Professional Responsibility. The Public Censure was imposed on the condition Mr. Ladner engaged a practice monitor for a period of two (2) years and contacted the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and complied with any recommendations.

Mr. Ladner represented a client in a contentious divorce matter. During the course of the domestic litigation, Mr. Ladner engaged in abuses of the discovery process, failed to diligently and timely respond to discovery requests, and made factual misstatements to the court and opposing counsel.

Mr. Ladner executed a conditional guilty plea acknowledging his conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 3.1 (meritorious claims and contentions), 3.3 (candor toward the tribunal), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel), 8.4(c) and (d) (misconduct).

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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