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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: KEVIN SLOAN LATTA, #024563**  
**CONTACT: EILEEN BURKHALTER SMITH**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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April 30, 2019

**MAURY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On April 30, 2019, Kevin S. Latta, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Latta represented a criminal defendant in post-trial proceedings and on appeal. Over the course of two years, he failed to respond in any way to five orders from the court of appeals instructing him to inform the court of the status of the appeal, and he failed to respond to three court orders setting deadlines to file his appellate brief. Mr. Latta also failed to adequately communicate with and respond to inquiries from his client. In mitigation, the court permitted the client's appeal to move forward.

By these acts, Mr. Latta has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel), 1.4 (communication) and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby publicly censured for these violations with the condition that he engage a practice monitor as set forth in Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.9, for a period of one year for the purpose of monitoring Mr. Latta's office management.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VI  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: KEVIN SLOAN LATTA, #024563  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Maury County)

FILE NO. 57118c-4-ES

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Kevin S. Latta, 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 March 8, 2019.

Mr. Latta represented a criminal defendant in post-trial proceedings and on appeal. Over the course of two years, he failed to respond in any way to five orders from the court of appeals instructing him to inform the court of the status of the appeal, and he failed to respond to three court orders setting deadlines to file his appellate brief. Mr. Latta also failed to adequately communicate with and respond to inquiries from his client. In mitigation, the court permitted the client's appeal to move forward.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Latta has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel), 1.4 (communication) and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice). For this conduct, Mr. Latta is hereby publicly censured with the condition that he engage a practice monitor as set forth in Rule 9, Sec. 12.9, for a period of one year for the purpose of monitoring Mr. Latta's office management.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Floyd S. Flippin*

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Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

4/30/19

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Date