

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

IN RE: LINDSEY LEIGH LAWRENCE, #032697 Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee (Wilson County)

FILE NO. 73611-4-SC

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Lindsey Leigh Lawrence, #032697, 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 June 14, 2024.

In the representation of clients in a civil proceeding, Ms. Lawrence failed to file a reply to a counterclaim in compliance with applicable rules of court and failed to respond to written discovery, resulting in entry of a default judgment and dismissal of her clients' claims. Ms. Lawrence also failed to keep her clients advised of the status of their case or respond to requests for information. In a second matter where Ms. Lawrence was appointed as conservator over the estate of an adult ward, Ms. Lawrence failed to pay the ward's ongoing expenses, resulting in her removal as conservator by the Court.

By these acts, Ms. Lawrence has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (*diligence*), 1.4 (*communication*), 3.2 (*expediting litigation*) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jennifer Hagerman, Chair

July 22, 2024

Date