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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: EDWIN CHARLES LEE LENOW, BPR #4401
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 12, 2019, Edwin Charles Lee Lenow, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Lenow represented a client in a contested divorce proceeding. A special master was appointed to oversee a hearing to equitably divide marital assets and liabilities. Mr. Lenow's client brought a letter to the hearing which was purported to be from the plan administrator of pension funds within the marital estate. Mr. Lenow's client referenced the letter during her testimony but the letter was not introduced into evidence. After the hearing but before the special master filed her findings and recommendations, opposing counsel told Mr. Lenow that Mr. Lenow's client forged the letter. Mr. Lenow was not provided with any evidence to support this allegation. Mr. Lenow did not address this issue with his client or take any steps to assess the validity of opposing counsel's accusation. Instead, Mr. Lenow contacted the special master, ex parte, and advised that the letter had been forged.

By these acts, Edwin Charles Lee Lenow has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4(a) (communication), 3.3 (candor toward the tribunal), and 3.5(b) (ex parte communication with a judge, juror, prospective juror, or other official), 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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