

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

IN RE: EDWIN CHARLES LEE LENOW, BPR NO. 4401  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 58382-9-SC

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Edwin Charles Lee Lenow, #4401, 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, 2019.

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.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Floyd S. Flippin*

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Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

*7-12-2019*

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