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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MARCUS ALLEN LIPHAM, BPR #036403
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July 25, 2022

MADISON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 25, 2022, Marcus Allen Lipham, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from Supreme Court of Tennessee conditioned upon payment of fees to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Mr. Lipham agreed to represent a client in pursuing claims against his homeowner's association board. Mr. Lipham's fee agreement did not adequately specify the scope of representation. Mr. Lipham also failed to deposit his client's unearned fee into his trust account. After undertaking the representation, Mr. Lipham failed to timely investigate the merits of his client's claims or respond promptly to his client's requests for information. Mr. Lipham further delayed in notifying his client that he was declining to file suit. Mr. Lipham entered a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting his conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5(b) (fees), and 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds).

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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