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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MARCUS ALLEN LIPHAM, #036403
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MADISON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 10, 2024, Marcus Allen Lipham, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Lipham filed a lawsuit on behalf of a client that lacked any meritorious basis in fact or law. Mr. Lipham subsequently failed to file a response to the defense counsel's motion to dismiss or seek leave to amend the original complaint, and then agreed to the dismissal of the lawsuit with prejudice without his client's informed consent. Mr. Lipham also failed to respond to a motion for sanctions filed by defense counsel or notify his client of the motion hearing. An order imposing sanctions against both Mr. Lipham and his client was entered by the Court.

By these acts, Mr. Lipham has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.2(a) (scope of representation), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5(c) (fees), and 3.1 (meritorious claims) 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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