

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

IN RE: MARCUS ALLEN LIPHAM, #036403
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Madison County)

FILE NO. 73258-7-DN; 73630-7-SC

PUBLIC CENSURE

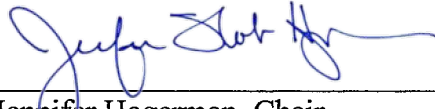
The above complaints were filed against Marcus Allen Lipham, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on March 8, 2024.

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.

FOR THE BOARD OF

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Jennifer Hagerman, Chair

April 10, 2024

Date