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

IN RE: ERICA MAY LOTZ, BPR NO. 031213

Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee Williamson County)

FILE NO. 47397-6-SC

## PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Erica May Lotz, #031213, 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 9, 2017.

In her representation of a client in a divorce action, Ms. Lotz withdrew unearned client fees from her trust account and comingled these fees with her own personal funds. After being discharged by her client, Ms. Lotz unreasonably delayed in returning the unearned fees.

By these acts, Erica May Lotz has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(a) (comingling client fees with personal funds), 1.15(c) (withdrawal of uncarned client fees from trust account), and 1.16(d)(6) (returning uncarned fees following discharge), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Michael King, Chair
7/11/2017

Date