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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ERICA MAY LOTZ, BPR #31213**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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July 12, 2017

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On July 11, 2017, Erica May Lotz, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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 failed to promptly return 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 unearned client fees from trust account), and 1.16(d)(6) (returning unearned fees following discharge), 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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VI  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
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IN RE: ERICA MAY LOTZ, BPR NO. 031213  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
Williamson County)

FILE NO. 47397-6-SC

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PUBLIC CENSURE

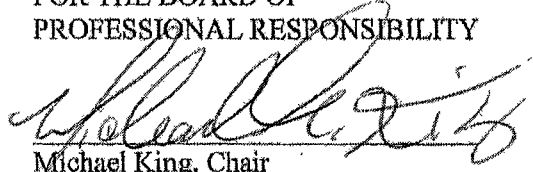
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The above complaint was filed against Erica May Lotz, #031213, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters 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 unearned client fees from trust account), and 1.16(d)(6) (returning unearned fees following discharge), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
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Michael King, Chair

7/11/2017

Date