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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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## **SULLIVAN COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On May 10, 2019, Kay Jeffrey Luethke, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee and Virginia, was publicly censured by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. On January 25, 2019, Mr. Luethke was publicly reprimanded without terms by the Tenth District Subcommittee of Virginia for misconduct violating Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence) and 1.6 (declining or terminating representation).

On March 22, 2019, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered a Notice of Reciprocal Discipline directing Mr. Luethke to demonstrate why the discipline imposed by the Disciplinary Board of the Tenth District Subcommittee of Virginia should not be similarly imposed by this Court. Mr. Luethke filed a response on April 22, 2019, but failed to demonstrate reciprocal discipline was unwarranted.

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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