

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

IN RE: RUSSELL SHANE MAINORD, BPR NO. 027396  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Grundy County)

FILE NOS. 75035-3-MH;  
100063-2024-3-MH-INV; &  
100186-2024-3-MH-INV

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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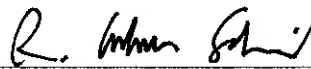
The above complaints were filed against Russell Shane Mainord, #027396, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December 13, 2024.

Mr. Mainord represented three separate clients in immigration cases. In the first complaint, Mr. Mainord charged an unreasonable fee, failed to communicate with his client, and failed to exercise supervisory authority over an attorney in his firm. In the second complaint, Mr. Mainord failed to provide his client with a copy of his files after he was terminated and failed to take proper action on behalf of his clients when he failed to file court documents. In the third complaint, Mr. Mainord failed to exercise managerial and supervisory authority over his nonlawyer staff, which caused a delay in the proceedings. In all three cases Mr. Mainord failed to diligently represent his clients and their interests.

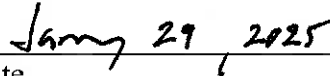
By these acts, Mr. Mainord has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence);

1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds); 1.16 (declining or terminating representation); 3.2 (expediting litigation); 5.1 (responsibilities of partners, managers and supervisory lawyers); and 5.3 (responsibilities regarding nonlawyer assistants), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. Additionally, as a condition of the Public Censure, Mr. Mainord shall refund \$1700 in attorney fees to the client in the first complaint, \$4000 in attorney fees to the client in the second complaint, and \$3500 in attorney fees to the client in the third complaint, within 60 days of issuance of this Public Censure.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



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R. Culver Schmid, Chair



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