

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

IN RE: Kenneth Michael Margolis, BPR #022906
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 100556-2024-9-ES-INV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Kenneth Michael Margolis, 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 authorized the issuance of this Public Censure on September 12, 2025.

An existing client visited Mr. Margolis at his office. Existing client was, at the time, jointly represented by Mr. Margolis and another attorney. Mr. Margolis and the other attorney shared office space. During this visit client advised the other attorney of a potential new cause of action. At the conclusion of that conversation the other attorney wrongly believed that client hired both himself and Mr. Margolis for the new matter with the same arrangement as the already existing representation. The other attorney advised Mr. Margolis that they had been retained in the new matter, but Mr. Margolis failed to verify such with the existing client. During this new representation, there was no written fee agreement executed, and Mr. Margolis, along with co-counsel, improperly attempted to collect a contingency fee from client in the amount of approximately 33.3%. Mr. Margolis also utilized an existing medical authorization from the other representation to use in this new representation without prior permission from client.

By the aforementioned acts, Kenneth Michael Margolis, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5(c) (fees), 7.1 (communications concerning lawyer's services), and 8.4(a) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Culver Schmid, Chair



Date