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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CLIFFORD KNOTT McGOWN, JR., BPR #10259
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HUMPHREYS COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On November 1, 2014, Clifford Knott McGown, Jr., an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

During the representation of one client, Mr. McGown failed to file an Answer to a Third Party Complaint, failed to file a response to a motion for default judgment, failed to file a motion to set aside the default judgment, and failed to reasonably communicate with his client. During the representation of a second client, Mr. McGown failed to file the appropriate pleading or to otherwise pursue his client's modification of custody case, and failed to respond to telephone calls.

By these acts, Clifford Knott McGown, Jr. has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence) and 1.4 (communication), 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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