



**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN R. MELDORF, BPR #4832
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October 13, 2017

HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 12, 2017, John R. Meldorf, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Meldorf represented the wife who was awarded attorney fees from her husband in the final decree of divorce. At the conclusion of the divorce, the wife owed Mr. Meldorf a small balance for his fees. The ex-husband subsequently filed bankruptcy and listed Mr. Meldorf as creditor instead of his ex-wife. Mr. Meldorf collected funds as a creditor from the bankruptcy trustee even though such funds were properly owed to his former client. He failed to promptly notify his former client upon receipt of such funds and paid himself fees owed by the former client without her knowledge or consent.

By these acts, John R. Meldorf has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(d) and (e) (safekeeping property) 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 III
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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IN RE: JOHN R. MELDORF, BPR# 4832,
Respondent, an attorney licensed to
practice law in Tennessee (Hamilton
County).

FILE NO. 48156-3-KB

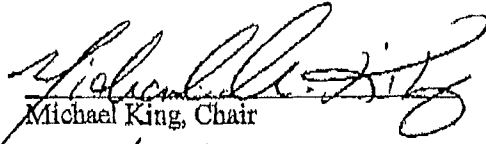
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against John R. Meldorf, 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 this matter at its meeting on September 8, 2017.

Mr. Meldorf collected funds as a creditor from a bankruptcy trustee even though such funds were properly owed to his former client. Mr. Meldorf failed to promptly notify his former client upon receipt of such funds and paid himself fees owed by the former client without her knowledge or consent.

By these acts, John R. Meldorf has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(d) and (e) (safeguarding property) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY


Michael King, Chair
10/12/2017
Date