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

IN RE: Eric John Montierth, #031679 Respondent, an attorney licensed

to practice law in Tennessee

(Roane County)

FILE NO. 101153-2025-2-ES-INV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Eric John Montierth, 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 12, 2025.

A client hired Mr. Montierth to file two types of immigration petitions for both her parents and her husband. The client signed a written fee agreement for each matter, and she paid a total of \$6,500 in nonrefundable fees to Mr. Montierth. Three months later, Mr. Montierth closed his immigration practice. The client did not receive notice of the closing of the practice. Mr. Montierth did no work on behalf of the client, and he failed to respond to the disciplinary complaint.

By the aforementioned acts, Eric John Montierth has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16 (termination of representation), and 8.1 (disciplinary matters), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations with the condition that he make restitution to the client in the amount of \$6,500 in 120 days.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Culver Schmid, Chair

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