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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JACK COLIN MORRIS, BPR #15855
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January 17, 2017

MADISON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 13, 2017, Jack Colin Morris, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In 2010, Mr. Morris represented a client in post-conviction proceedings. When the post-conviction petition was denied, Mr. Morris was to pursue a direct appeal. However, Mr. Morris neglected to file a notice of appeal, and when his client inquired about the status of the matter, Mr. Morris misinformed him that the appellate court had not yet issued its opinion. In 2015, Mr. Morris advised his client that he had inadvertently neglected to file the notice of appeal and sought permission to late-file. The Court of Criminal Appeals declined to waive the untimely notice of appeal.

By these acts, Jack Colin Morris has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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

IN RE: JACK COLIN MORRIS, BPR NO.15855
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Madison County)

FILE NO. 44529c-7-PS


PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Jack Colin Morris, #15855, 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 9, 2016.

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FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Michael King, Chair

1/13/2017
Date