

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

IN RE: JEFFREY JAMES MUELLER, BPR NO. 17127  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Madison County)

FILE NO. 40042-7-BG

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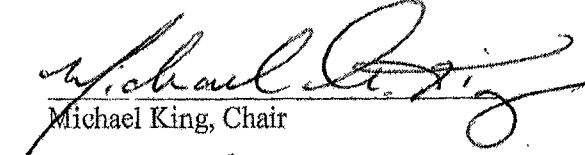
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The above complaint was filed against Jeffrey James Mueller, #17127, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on June 10, 2016.

In a civil proceeding, Mr. Mueller failed to lodge an order as directed by the Court. Mr. Mueller also failed to file an answer within the time period prescribed by the Court, which led to the filing of a motion for default. Mr. Mueller had a conflict when the motion for default was set to be heard, but failed to take reasonable steps to have the motion continued. The motion for default was granted after Mr. Mueller failed to appear or obtain a continuance. Mr. Mueller appealed the default judgment but the appeal was dismissed as frivolous due to Mr. Mueller's failure to cite to the administrative record in his briefs.

By these acts, Jeffrey James Mueller has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), RPC 1.3 (diligence), 3.4(c) (knowing disobedience of an obligation under rules of a tribunal), and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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Michael King, Chair

7-18-2016  
Date