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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JEFFREY JAMES MUELLER, BPR #17127
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July 20, 2016

MADISON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 18, 2016, Jeffrey James Mueller, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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 scheduling 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.

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

FILE NO. 40042-7-BG

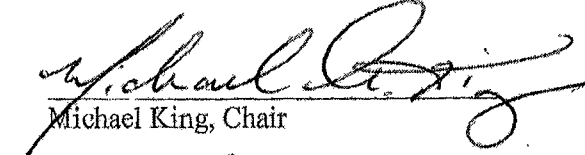
PUBLIC CENSURE

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.

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FOR THE BOARD OF
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Michael King, Chair

7-18-2016
Date