

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

IN RE: JERE F. OWNBY, #14979
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

FILE NOS: 53395-2-ES,
54463-2-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaints were filed against Jere F. Ownby, 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 March 9, 2018.

In the first file, Mr. Ownby's law license was suspended on Friday July 7, 2017. Respondent practiced law for three business days after the suspension.

In the second file, Mr. Ownby failed to notify the court or opposing counsel of his suspension, and he failed to withdraw from the representation of his client at any time. The court then set a status conference in the matter, and Mr. Ownby did not appear or provide any response to the court or opposing counsel. This conduct is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Ownby, has violated Rules 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and 8.4(g) (knowingly fail to comply with court order in a proceeding in which attorney is a party) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jimmie C. Miller

Jimmie C. Miller, Chair

4-11-10

Date