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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JERE F. OWNBY, #014979
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January 16, 2019

KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 14, 2019, Jere F. Ownby, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Ownby's law license was suspended on July 7, 2017. Mr. Ownby did not timely notify a divorce client of the suspension, and he did not notify opposing counsel or the court of the suspension until September 2018. Mr. Ownby's conduct resulted in harm to his client, the opposing party, and the court. Mr. Ownby has also failed to provide a written response to this disciplinary complaint.

By these acts, Mr. Ownby has violated Rules 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice), 8.4(g) (knowingly failing to comply with a court order in a proceeding in which attorney is a party), and Rule 8.1 (disciplinary matters) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, and he 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 II
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: JERE F. OWNBY, #014979
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

FILE NO: 58486-2-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was 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 December 14, 2018.

Mr. Ownby's law license was suspended on July 7, 2017. Pending at that time, was a divorce in which Mr. Ownby represented the husband. Mr. Ownby did not timely notify his client of the suspension, and he did not notify opposing counsel or the court of the suspension until September 2018. Mr. Ownby's conduct resulted in harm to his client, the opposing party, and the court. Mr. Ownby has also failed to provide a written response to this disciplinary complaint.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Ownby has violated Rules 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice), 8.4(g) (knowingly failing to comply with a court order in a proceeding in which attorney is a party), and Rule 8.1 (disciplinary matters) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, and he is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd Flippin
Floyd Flippin, Chair

1-14-2019
Date