



**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

10 CADILLAC DRIVE, SUITE 220
BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE 37027
TELEPHONE: (615) 361-7500
(800) 486-5714
FAX: (615) 367-2480
E-MAIL: ethics@tbpr.org
Website: www.tbpr.org

RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ADAM W. PARRISH, BPR #21917
CONTACT: WILLIAM C. MOODY
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
615-361-7500

September 26, 2013

LEBANON LAWYER CENSURED

On September 23, 2013, Adam W. Parrish of Lebanon, Tennessee, was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Parrish pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court. Mr. Parrish made restitution and submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging violation of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.16(c) (declining or terminating representation) and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Parrish was appointed to represent an indigent criminal defendant. More than 14 days after a decision by the Court of Criminal Appeals, Mr. Parrish sought and received from his client's relative a fee for filing a Petition for Permission to Appeal to the Supreme Court. While TCA 40-14-203 provides that appointed counsel is only required to represent the defendant through the initial appellate review, Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 14 requires counsel for an indigent defendant to move to withdraw within 14 days after the intermediate court's judgment. Therefore, when appointed to represent an indigent criminal defendant, Mr. Parrish was not entitled to charge a fee for his services following the first tier appeal without moving to withdraw during the 14 day period in which an attorney is entitled to withdraw from the appointed representation.

For these violations, the Tennessee Supreme Court publicly censured Adam Parrish. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

Parrish 2166-4 rel.doc

PLEASE NOTE

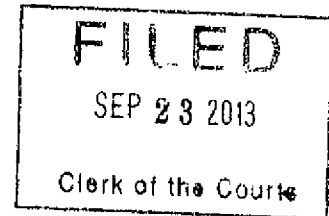
YOU MAY SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE INFORMATIONAL RELEASES, FORMAL ETHICS OPINIONS, NEWSLETTERS AND ANNUAL REPORTS ELECTRONICALLY BY SIGNING IN AT THE BOARD'S WEBSITE

www.tbpr.org/Subscriptions

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE ADAM WILDING PARRISH, BPR # 21917
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Wilson County)

No. M2013-02129-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2012-2166-4-KB



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Adam Wilding Parrish on October 10, 2012; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Parrish on November 7, 2012; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Parrish on July 25, 2013; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on August 12, 2013; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 13, 2013; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that:

(1) Adam Wilding Parrish is publicly censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.4.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.7, Mr. Parrish is responsible for payment of restitution in the amount of \$4000.00 paid to Maria Cunningham, which has been paid prior to entry of this Order.

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Parrish shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$735.40 and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(5) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE