

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

IN RE: Stephen Walker Pate, Respondent,
BPR# 6758, an attorney licensed to
practice law in Tennessee.
(Rutherford County)

FILE NO. 61168-4-KB

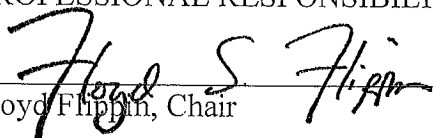
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Stephen Walker Pate, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered this matter at its meeting on March 13, 2020.

Mr. Pate engaged in an inappropriate personal relationship with a client who retained him for representation in a pending divorce action. Mr. Pate's conduct presented the risk of impairment of Mr. Pate's independent professional judgment and to communications protected by attorney-client privilege.

By the aforementioned acts, Stephen Walker Pate has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.7 (conflict of interest) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Floyd Flippin, Chair

4-8-20

Date