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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: LYNDA W. PATTERSON, BPR #014424
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OVERTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 10, 2024, Lynda W. Patterson, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Patterson was hired to seek damages against former residential tenants of her client. Ms. Patterson negotiated an agreed judgment with the former residential tenants for which she prepared an agreed order. Both sets of parties signed the agreed order, and Ms. Patterson mailed it to the judge for entry. The order, however, was never entered by the court. Ms. Patterson's client contacted her two times about the status of the order, and she did not respond. Ms. Patterson then discovered the order had not been entered, and so, fourteen months after the tenants had entered the proposed agreed order, Ms. Patterson proceeded with a default judgment against the former tenants.

By these acts, Lynda W. Patterson is in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 3.2 (expediting litigation) and 8.4(d) (prejudice 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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