

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

IN RE: Lynda W. Patterson, #014424
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee

FILE No. 74674-4-ES

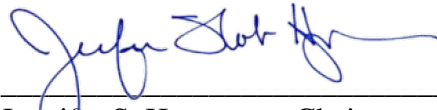
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Lynda W. Patterson, 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 this matter at its meeting on March 8, 2024.

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

By the aforementioned 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.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Jennifer S. Hagerman, Chair

April 10, 2024

Date