

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

IN RE: SAMUEL LEE PERKINS, BPR NO. 11857,  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 35892c-9-RW

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Samuel Lee Perkins, 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 June 9, 2017.

Mr. Perkins failed to timely file a Motion for New Trial for his criminal client which prohibited the client from raising issues on appeal other than insufficiency of the evidence. Over five years later, the client's petition for post-conviction relief was granted. Mr. Perkins' conduct caused an enormous waste of time and resources in the court system.

By these acts, Samuel Lee Perkins has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence) and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
Michael King, Chair

Date

7-10-2017