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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: SAMUEL LEE PERKINS, BPR #11857
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July 11, 2017

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 10, 2017, Samuel Lee Perkins, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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' delay caused injury to his client and to the administration of justice.

By these acts, Samuel Lee Perkins, has violated Rule 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.

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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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

PUBLIC CENSURE

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