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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: BRIAN JACKSON PETTY, BPR #031867**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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January 13, 2022

**MCNAIRY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On January 13, 2022, Brian Jackson Petty, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Petty was appointed to represent an indigent client in a dependent and neglect matter in Juvenile Court. Mr. Petty created a conflict of interest by sending text messages that were sexual in nature to his client. There was a significant risk that Mr. Petty's personal interests materially limited his representation of his client.

By these acts, Mr. Petty has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.7(a)(2) (concurrent conflict of interest), and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

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 VII  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: BRIAN JACKSON PETTY, BPR NO. 031867  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(McNairy County)

FILE NO. 65128-7-DB

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PUBLIC CENSURE


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The above complaint was filed against Brian Jackson Petty, #031867, 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 these matters at its meeting on December 10, 2021.

Mr. Petty was appointed to represent an indigent client in a dependent and neglect matter in Juvenile Court. Mr. Petty sent text messages to his client which were sexual in nature. There was a significant risk that Mr. Petty's personal interests materially limited his representation of his client.

By these acts, Brian Jackson Petty created a concurrent conflict of interest in his representation of this client in violation of Rule of Professional Conduct 1.7(a)(2)(concurrent conflict of interest), and is hereby publicly censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



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Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

1-13-22

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Date