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

IN RE: BRIAN JACKSON PETTY, BPR NO. 031867

FILE NO. 65128-7-DB

Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee

(McNairy County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

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

Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

1-13-22

Date