

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

IN RE: Craig Thomas Phelps, BPR No. 037612  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Great Falls, MT)

FILE No. 70100-0-ES

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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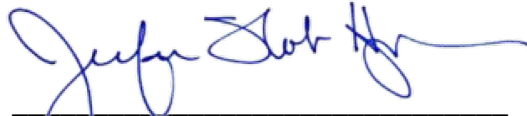
The above complaint was filed against Craig Thomas Phelps, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered this matter at its meeting on June 9, 2023.

Mr. Phelps is licensed to practice law in Tennessee, and he serves in the United States Air Force in Great Falls, Montana. Mr. Phelps returned from officer training school in March 2020, and he intended to file a motion to place his license on military exempt status with the Board of Professional Responsibility at that time. No application was filed with the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Mr. Phelps did not pay his annual registration fee for 2021. He received three notices of the fee and his failure to pay it. Mr. Phelps incorrectly believed the notices were in error because he was “military exempt.” On March 15, 2021, Mr. Phelps’ law license was suspended for his failure to pay his annual fee. Mr. Phelps did not stop practicing law. On March 7, 2022, Mr. Phelps realized his law license was suspended and he stopped practicing law. A professional responsibility inquiry was made to the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Air Force, about Mr. Phelps’ conduct, and he received discipline from the United States Air Force.

By the aforementioned acts, Craig Thomas Phelps is in violation of Rule of Professional Conduct 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



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Jennifer S. Hagerman, Chair

**July 18, 2023**

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Date