

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

N RE: JOSHUA HOWARD POLK, BPR NO. 21647,
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Wayne County)

FILE NO. 37733-6-KB

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Joshua Howard Polk, 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 September 11, 2015.

Mr. Polk filed a parentage action on behalf of the proposed father and mother as joint petitioners without first obtaining approval from the mother. Mr. Polk also had the proposed father named as primary residential parent of the child at issue without the prior approval of the mother. Mr. Polk also filed a dependency and neglect petition on behalf of the same parties as joint petitioners when their positions were adverse to one another.

By these acts, Joshua Howard Polk has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2 (scope of representation), 1.4 (communication), 1.7 (conflict of interest), and 8.4(a) and (d) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY


Michael King, Chair

December 21, 2015
Date