

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

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IN RE: MARGARET JANE POWERS, BPR NO. 7328  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Cumberland County)

FILE NO. 34108-4-BM

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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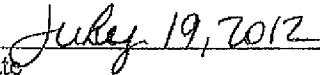
The above complaint was filed against Margaret Jane Powers, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on June 22, 2012.

Respondent received a \$300 check issued to her client from the opposing party in a divorce. She asked the client if she could apply the check to the outstanding bill owed to her. The client refused. Respondent held the check for eighteen months, and then asked the client, again, whether she could apply it to his bill. The client did not respond. Respondent deposited the check into her account, endorsing the client's name without his permission. At the request of Disciplinary Counsel, Respondent refunded the check to the client.

By the aforementioned acts, Margaret Jane Powers, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping property) and 8.4 (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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Leila Hollabaugh, Chair

  
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