

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

IN RE: Isaiah Skip Gant, BPR No. 025790
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

FILE No. 66647c-5-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Isaiah Skip Gant 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 September 9, 2022.

Mr. Gant represented a criminal defendant who was convicted of the crimes with which he was charged. After the conviction of his client, Mr. Gant spoke with attorneys for another defendant charged with related crimes, and Mr. Gant told those attorneys that their client was innocent of the charges. This implied that Mr. Gant's client was not innocent. While a motion for new trial was pending for his own client, Mr. Gant had an *ex parte* meeting with the presiding judge and told him that Mr. Gant believed the other defendant was innocent of the charges. Mr. Gant did not have the permission of his client to reveal information related to the representation, and Mr. Gant did not inform his client of these conversations. Mr. Gant continued to represent his client after these conversations.

During the representation of his criminal client, Mr. Gant became aware that a document had been obtained by an attorney for another defendant which contained information related to the representation of Mr. Gant's client. Mr. Gant took some steps to retrieve the document, but he did

not report the conduct of the other attorney to the Board of Professional Responsibility for violating the Rules of Professional Conduct.

By the aforementioned acts, Isaiah Skip Gant has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (communication), 1.6 (confidentiality), 1.7 (conflict of interest), 3.5 (impartiality of the tribunal), 8.3 (reporting professional misconduct) and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Floyd Flippin, Chair

10.06.22

Date