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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KARL EMMANUEL PULLEY, BPR #012761
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July 20, 2018

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 20, 2018, Karl Emmanuel Pulley, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In representing a client in a criminal case, Mr. Pulley failed to request a jury instruction as to the lesser offense of facilitation, which was fairly raised by the proof thereby waiving any chance his client had of being convicted of a lesser charge. In response to a post-conviction petition in which Mr. Pulley's client alleged that Mr. Pulley rendered constitutionally deficient representation, the State, rather than attempting to defend the convictions, entered into an agreed order vacating the convictions and the client was permitted to enter a plea to a lesser charge for a shorter sentence.

By these acts, Mr. Pulley, has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence) and 1.3 (Diligence) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
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IN RE: Karl Emmanuel Pulley, BPR NO. 012761
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 54073c-5-PS

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Karl Emmanuel Pulley, #012761, 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 8, 2018.

In representing a client in a criminal case, Mr. Pulley failed to request a jury instruction as to the lesser offense of facilitation, which was fairly raised by the proof thereby waiving any chance his client had of being convicted of a lesser charge. In response to a post-conviction petition in which the Respondent's client alleged that the Respondent rendered constitutionally deficient representation, the State, rather than attempting to defend the convictions, entered into an agreed order vacating the convictions. The Respondent's client was permitted to enter a plea to a lesser charge for a shorter sentence.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Pulley has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1

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FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Jimmie C. Miller, Chair

7-20-18

Date