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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KARL EMMANUEL PULLEY, BPR #012761
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On August 4, 2022, 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.

Mr. Pulley was engaged to represent a client on criminal charges and received a fee in the amount of \$7,500. Thereafter, Mr. Pulley's license was suspended in an unrelated manner, and he had to withdraw from the representation. Mr. Pulley told the client he would resume the representation after he was reinstated, but he did not do so. Mr. Pulley's fee was not fully earned during the representation.

By these acts, Mr. Pulley has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16 (termination of representation) and Section 28 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations, with the condition that he make a partial refund to the client of \$3,750 within 90 days.

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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