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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAMES DIMMETT PURPLE, BPR #9833**  
**CONTACT: KEVIN D. BALKWILL**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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October 13, 2017

**CHATTANOOGA LAWYER CENSURED**

On October 12, 2017, James Dimmett Purple, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Purple failed to diligently represent or adequately communicate with a client who had retained him in a quiet title action. Mr. Purple filed the quiet title action without naming essential parties and failed to amend the petition at the request of his client unless additional fees and costs were paid to him. Mr. Purple also filed pleadings that named parties in the style of the case when such parties were never included in the petition. Mr. Purple failed to take corrective action with the court after such defect was made known to him and while the case remained pending.

By these acts, James Dimmett Purple has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.2 (scope of representation), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), and 3.3 (candor toward tribunal), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

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 III  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: JAMES DIMMETT PURPLE, BPR# 9833,  
Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice  
law in Tennessee (Hamilton County).

FILE NO. 47609-3-KB

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against James Dimmett Purple, 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 8, 2017.

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FOR THE BOARD OF  
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Michael King, Chair

Date

10/12/2017