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

IN RE: ANDRE CHASE RABIDEAU, #036907

Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee (Rutherford County)

FILE NO.: 68916-4-SC

## PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Andre Chase Rabideau, #036907, 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 March 11, 2022.

Mr. Rabideau agreed to represent a client in pursuing civil claims arising out of a fire that occurred at the client's leased dwelling. Mr. Rabideau failed to take any action to pursue his client's claims and did not maintain good communication with his client after undertaking the representation. When Mr. Rabideau's client inquired about the status of the representation, Mr. Rabideau falsely implied that a lawsuit had been filed. Despite declining to take any action on behalf of his client, Mr. Rabideau also failed to return the client's file materials.

By these acts, Mr. Rabideau has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligent representation), 1.4(a) (communications), and 1.16(d) (declining or terminating representation) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. As a condition of the Public Censure, Mr.

Rabideau shall refund \$750.00 in attorney's fees to his former client within ninety (90) days of issuance of this Public Censure.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

4-19-2022

Date