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OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL EUGENE RICHARDSON BPR #007191
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June 10, 2020

HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On June 10, 2020, Michael Eugene Richardson, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from Supreme Court of Tennessee conditioned upon payment of fees to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Mr. Richardson represented a client in a detainer and eviction action. Mr. Richardson designated his fee as nonrefundable; however, he failed to obtain a written agreement signed by his client confirming the fee was non-refundable. The Hearing Panel found his conduct violated RPC 1.5 (Fees) and 8.4 (Misconduct).

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 THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE



IN RE: MICHAEL EUGENE RICHARDSON, BPR #007191
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

No. M2020-00771-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2019-2978-3-AW

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Michael Eugene Richardson on March 8, 2019; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Richardson on April 16, 2019; upon the hearing in this matter held on January 15, 2020; upon the Hearing Panel entering its Decision of the Panel (“Judgment”) on January 22, 2020; upon service of the Decision of the Panel upon Mr. Richardson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on January 22, 2020; upon the Board’s Application for Assessment of Costs filed February 6, 2020; upon the Hearing Panel’s Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs on February 25, 2020; upon service of the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs upon Mr. Richardson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on February 25, 2020; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 13, 2019; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel’s Judgment as the Court’s Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

- (1) Mr. Richardson is publicly censured, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Richardson shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$770.94 within ninety (90) days. In the event Mr. Richardson fails to pay the Board

expenses and costs as required herein, the Board may reopen its disciplinary file and conduct further proceedings pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.8.

(4) Mr. Richardson shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(5) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM