

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

IN RE: MICHAEL EUGENE RICHARDSON,
BPR NO. 007191, Respondent,
an Attorney Licensed to Practice
Law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

DOCKET NO. 2019-2978-3-AW

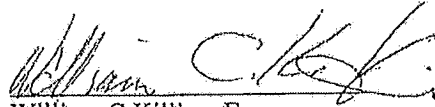
DECISION OF THE PANEL

Upon the swearing in hearing of witnesses in an open hearing held on January 15, 2020, the argument of counsel and the record as a whole, the Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility renders its decision as follows:

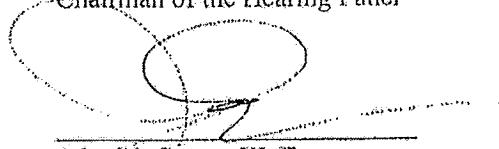
1. The alleged violation of section 1.8 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, having been withdrawn by the Disciplinary Counsel's office, is hereby dismissed.
2. We do not find a violation of section 1.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
3. We do not find a violation of section 1.15 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
4. We do find a violation of section 1.5 (f) of the Rules of Professional Responsibility, which require that a written fee agreement be signed by the clients in cases of this nature.
5. As a result of finding a violation of section 1.5 (f), we find a violation of section 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
6. Under Rule 9, section 9.0 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, we find the appropriate penalty against Michael E Richardson Esq. to be a public censure, having found a mitigating factor that the said Michael P Richardson Esq., rendered more than adequate representation to Mr. Kilgore, and we find no aggravating factors.

This 21 day of January, 2020.

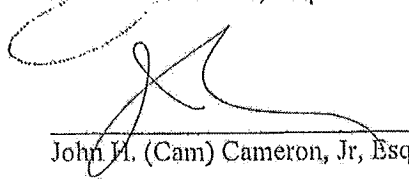
Signatures on the following page



William C Killian, Esq.
Chairman of the Hearing Panel



John M. Carson III, Esq.



John W. (Cam) Cameron, Jr, Esq.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing has been sent to Respondent, Michael Eugene Richardson, 633 Chestnut Street, Suite 1110, Chattanooga, TN 37450, by U.S. First Class Mail, and hand-delivered to Brittany Lavalley, Disciplinary Counsel, on this the 22nd day of January, 2020.



Rita Webb
Executive Secretary

NOTICE

This judgment may be appealed by filing a Petition for Review in the appropriate Circuit or Chancery Court in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 33.