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FILE NO.: 72107-4-MB

SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: JIMMY LEO RICHARDSON, III, #032500

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

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Jimmy Leo Richardson, #032500, 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 June 9, 2023.

In 2017, Mr. Richardson was appointed to represent a father in a dependency and neglect petition involving a child. In 2018, Mr. Richardson ceased representing the father. In 2021, Mr. Richardson began representing the mother in an action to modify the permanent parenting plan for the child. The two matters were substantially related, the subsequent client's interests were materially adverse to the former client's interests, and the former client did not give timely informed consent confirmed in writing.

By these acts, Mr. Richardson has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.9 (*duties to former clients*) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jennifer S. Hagerman, Chair

July 26, 2023

Date