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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: TERRY RISNER, BPR #015096
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HAWKINS COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 9, 2024, Terry Risner, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

A client hired Mr. Risner to represent him on appeal of criminal convictions. The Court of Appeals entered an order substituting Mr. Risner as counsel and setting a deadline for him to file his appellate brief. Mr. Risner did not timely file a brief. The Court issued a notice to Mr. Risner stating that his brief had not been filed and informing him he had ten days to do so, and then when he did not timely file the brief, the court issued another order giving Mr. Risner an additional ten days to file his brief and an explanation for the delay. Mr. Risner did not file the brief. The Court then substituted successor counsel.

By these acts, Terry Risner has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.4 (fairness to opposing party), 1.3 (diligence), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) 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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