IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT I

OF THE

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

OF THE

SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: Terry Risner, #015096

FILE No. 73511-1-MB

Respondent, an attorney licensed

to practice law in Tennessee

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Terry Risner, 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 this matter at its meeting on March 8, 2024.

A client hired Respondent to represent him on appeal of criminal convictions. The Court

of Appeals entered an order substituting Respondent as counsel and setting a deadline for

Respondent to file his appellate brief. Respondent did not timely file a brief. The Court issued a

notice to Respondent stating that his brief had not been filed and informing him he had ten days to

do so. Respondent did not file the brief. The Court issued another order giving Respondent ten

days to file his brief and an explanation for the delay. Respondent did not file the brief.

The Court filed an Order for Respondent to appear to show cause why he should not be

held in contempt. Respondent appeared in court, and an order was entered removing Respondent

and substituting successor counsel. Respondent was not found in contempt.

By the aforementioned acts, Terry Risner is in violation of 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.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jennifer S. Hagerman, Chair

April 9, 2024

Date