

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

IN RE: Steven Edward Sams, BPR NO. 22560  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Knox County)

FILE NO. 37370-2-BG

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PUBLIC CENSURE

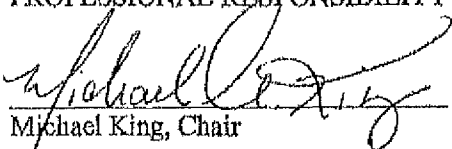
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The above complaint was filed against Steven Edward Sams, #22560, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered this matter at its meeting on December 12, 2014.

After being temporarily suspended from the practice of law, the Respondent entered into an engagement agreement with a client in an immigration asylum case. The Respondent misled this client by representing that he was working on an appeal in the asylum case. The client discovered that no appeal had been timely filed and that the Respondent's license to practice law had been suspended. On November 26, 2014, the Respondent was disbarred for misconduct in an unrelated case.

By these acts, Steven Edward Sams has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (communication), 1.3 (diligence), 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), and 1.16 (terminating representation), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
Michael King, Chair

9-26-2015  
Date