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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAMES KIDWELL SCOTT, BPR #016893**  
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April 27, 2023

**KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On April 27, 2023, James Kidwell Scott, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Scott represented a client in a civil matter, and he did not provide his client with a copy of the discovery propounded to the client for four months. He did not inform the client when a motion to compel the discovery was filed. Mr. Scott did not comply with court deadlines for the production of discovery, and he did not inform his client of the deadlines. A second motion to compel was filed against Mr. Scott's client, and he did not inform the client of the second motion to compel.

The court entered an order striking the amended complaint which directed Mr. Scott to provide his client with a copy of the order. Mr. Scott did not do so. Mr. Scott filed a new lawsuit thereafter. Discovery was propounded to Mr. Scott's client in the second lawsuit, and Mr. Scott did not send it to his clients. A motion to compel was filed regarding this discovery and Mr. Scott did not inform his client of the motion to compel.

By these acts, James Kidwell Scott, has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.2 (scope of representation), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.