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

IN RE: Melanie Beth Shada, #022279

Respondent, an attorney licensed

to practice law in Tennessee

FILE No. 75372-4-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Melanie Beth Shada, 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 September 13, 2024.

Ms. Shada was hired by a client in August 2022 to complete estate planning documents for him. Ms. Shada sent draft documents to him in September 2022, and the client asked her to make changes. Ms. Shada failed to finalize the documents and failed to respond to multiple requests for information from the client between September 2022 and May 2023. Ms. Shada failed to timely respond to this disciplinary complaint.

By the aforementioned acts Melanie B. Shada is in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), and 8.1 (disciplinary matters) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jennifer S. Hagerman, Chair

October 24, 2024

Date