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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: MELANIE BETH SHADA, BPR #022279**  
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October 25, 2024

**TENNESSEE LAWYER CENSURED**

On October 24, 2024, Melanie Beth Shada, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Shada was hired by a client to prepare estate planning documents. Ms. Shada sent draft documents to the client, but she failed to finalize the documents and failed to respond to multiple requests for information from the client for nine months. Ms. Shada failed to timely respond to this disciplinary complaint.

By these acts Melanie Beth Shada has violated 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.

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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