

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

IN RE: KIMBERLY CROSS SHIELDS, BPR NO. 17560  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 41321-9-KB

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Kimberly Cross Shields, 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 these matters at its meeting on March 11, 2016.

Ms. Shields made misrepresentations and omissions to the court by stating that her former husband was subject to an enforceable mediation agreement and by failing to advise the court that her children were unable to manage their own trust funds due to the terms of a controlling trust agreement. Ms. Shields further entered an *ex parte* order with the court without agreement of opposing counsel.

By these acts, Kimberly Cross Shields has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.3 (candor toward tribunal), 3.5(b) (impartiality and decorum of tribunal), 4.4(a) (respect for rights of third persons), and 8.4(a), (c), and (d) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
Michael King, Chair

April 5, 2016  
Date