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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KIMBERLY CROSS SHIELDS, BPR #17560
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MEMPHIS LAWYER CENSURED

On April 5, 2016, Kimberly Cross Shields, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Shields made misrepresentations and omissions to the court and entered an *ex parte* order 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.

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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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

PUBLIC CENSURE

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
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Michael King, Chair

April 5, 2016
Date