

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

IN RE: ELIZABETH ANN SHIPLEY, BPR NO. 32721
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Putnam County)

FILE NO. 55081-4-SC

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Elizabeth Ann Shipley, #32721, 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 June 8, 2018.

Ms. Shipley represented clients in defense of a boundary line suit. Ms. Shipley failed to file an answer or enter an appearance in the action, which led to entry of a default judgment. Ms. Shipley failed to take prompt remedial action once notified of the default judgment or protect her clients' interests following her discharge as counsel. Ms. Shipley also failed to maintain good communication with her clients throughout the representation.

By these acts, Ms. Shipley has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, 1.3, 1.4(a), 1.16(d), and 3.4(c) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. Additionally, as a condition of the Public Censure, Ms. Shipley shall refund \$1,500.00 in attorney fees to her former clients within thirty (30) days of issuance of this Public Censure.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jimmie C. Miller

Jimmie C. Miller, Chair

7-9-18

Date