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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAY R. SLOBEY, BPR #5398**  
**CONTACT: EILEEN BURKHALTER SMITH**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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April 22, 2015

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On April 20, 2015, Jay R. Slobey, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

A client hired Mr. Slobey to represent him in a federal case for violation of his rights, and Mr. Slobey filed the lawsuit. The defendant, thereafter, filed a motion to dismiss. Mr. Slobey asked opposing counsel for an extension of time to file a response to the motion. Opposing counsel agreed to a one-week extension of time. Mr. Slobey then filed a motion mistakenly stating that opposing counsel did not oppose a three-week extension of time. Opposing counsel immediately sent a letter to Mr. Slobey pointing out the error, and asking Mr. Slobey to comply with the agreement to file in one week. The court, however, granted Mr. Slobey's pending motion, providing a three-week extension. Opposing counsel then sought relief from the court. Mr. Slobey filed no response to the motion at any time. The motion to dismiss was granted.

Mr. Slobey never informed his client of the dismissal of the action. The client later discovered the dismissal when the client called the court. The client filed a civil malpractice action against Mr. Slobey which was settled.

By these acts, Mr. Slobey violated Rule 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.3 (candor to the tribunal), and 3.4 (fairness to opposing counsel). The client suffered harm, but also received a settlement in the legal malpractice action.

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 RE: JAY R. SLOBEY, BPR NO.5398  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 36057-5-ES

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Jay R. Slobey, #5398, 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 13, 2015.

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FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Michael King, Chair

4-20-2015  
Date