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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: RANDY NELSON SONGSTAD, #018442
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October 15, 2019

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 14, 2019, Randy N. Songstad, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Songstad held over \$350.00 in personal funds in his trust account, resulting in commingling of funds in violation of Rule 1.15(a) (safekeeping funds). Several months later, Mr. Songstad deposited over \$11,000 in an earned fee into trust because he did not have an operating account, resulting in the further commingling of client funds and personal funds in violation of Rule 1.15.

By these acts, Mr. Songstad has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping funds) on multiple occasions. For this conduct, Mr. Songstad is hereby publicly censured with the condition that he attend the Board's Trust Account Workshop on March 25, 2020.

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: RANDY NELSON SONGSTAD, #018442
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 60861n-9-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Randy N. Songstad, 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 September 13, 2019.

In January 2019, Mr. Songstad had over \$350.00 in personal funds in his trust account in violation of Rule 1.15(a) (safekeeping funds). In May 2019, Mr. Songstad deposited over \$11,000 in an earned fee into trust because he did not have an operating account, resulting in the further commingling of client funds and personal funds in violation of Rule 1.15.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Songstad has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping funds) on multiple occasions. For this conduct, Mr. Songstad is hereby publicly censured with the condition that he attend the Board's Trust Account Workshop on March 25, 2020.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S. Flippin

Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

10/14/19

Date