

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

IN RE: Donald Edwin Spurrell, Respondent,  
BPR No. 12810, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Washington County)

FILE NO. 40396n-1-KB

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Donald Edwin Spurrell, 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 10, 2016.

Mr. Spurrell failed to obtain a written agreement signed by his client in a contingent fee case. Mr. Spurrell collected an unreasonable fee from the client's medical pay provision paid through her insurance policy. Mr. Spurrell also failed to supervise his paralegal who improperly commingled trust account funds into Mr. Spurrell's operating account on several occasions.

By these acts, Donald Edwin Spurrell has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping property), and 5.3 (responsibilities regarding nonlawyer assistants) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
Michael King, Chair

7/12/2016  
Date