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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DONALD EDWIN SPURRELL, BPR #12810
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July 13, 2016

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 12, 2016, Donald Edwin Spurrell, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Spurrell failed to obtain a written agreement signed by his client in a contingent fee matter, collected an unreasonable fee, and failed to supervise a paralegal who commingled trust 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 non-lawyer assistants) and he 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 I
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
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IN RE: Donald Edwin Spurrell, Respondent,
BPR No. 12810, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Washington County)

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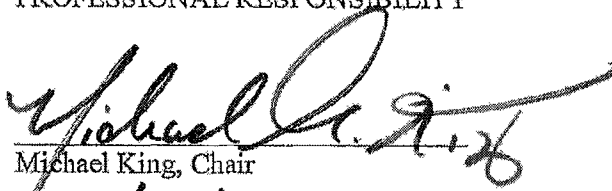
PUBLIC CENSURE

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