

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

IN RE: ROBERT PAUL STARNES, #21022  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Sullivan County)

FILE NO. 45753-1-ES

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Robert Paul Starnes, 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 9, 2016.

Mr. Starnes repeatedly exposed himself to an employee at the office over the course of three years. In April 2016, Mr. Starnes pleaded no contest to indecent exposure (Class B misdemeanor) for his conduct.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Starnes is in violation of Rule 8.4 (b) (criminal conduct that reflects adversely on fitness to practice) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and is hereby publicly censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
Michael King, Chair

Oct. 14, 2016  
Date