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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: RONALD ANDRE STEWART, BPR #23042
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July 20, 2016

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 18, 2016, Ronald Andre Stewart, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Stewart unreasonably delayed in taking action requested by clients in two cases. In one of the two cases, Mr. Stewart also failed to respond to a motion to dismiss arising out of failure to comply with an order compelling written discovery. Mr. Stewart did not appear at the motion hearing, which led to the dismissal of two defendants with prejudice. Mr. Stewart filed a voluntary dismissal with regard to the remaining two defendants while another motion to dismiss was pending, also arising out of failure to furnish responses to written discovery. Mr. Stewart failed to notify his client of either dismissal.

By these acts, Ronald Andre Stewart has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), and 1.4 (communication), and 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 V
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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IN RE: RONALD ANDRE STEWART, BPR NO.23042
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

FILE NOS. 42627-5-BG
44925-5-BG

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaints were filed against Ronald Andre Stewart, #23042, 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.

In the first complaint, Mr. Stewart represented a client in a divorce. Mr. Stewart unreasonably delayed in taking action requested by his client. In the second complaint, Mr. Stewart represented a client in filing a medical malpractice lawsuit. Mr. Stewart failed to appear at a motion to dismiss, which led to the dismissal of two of the four defendants with prejudice. Mr. Stewart filed a nonsuit with regard to the remaining two defendants while another motion to dismiss was pending. Mr. Stewart failed to inform his client of either dismissal.

By these acts, Ronald Andre Stewart has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), and 1.4 (communication), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY


Michael King, Chair

7-18-2016
Date