



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

**IN RE: David A. Stuart, BPR No. 006770**  
**Respondent, an attorney licensed**  
**to practice law in Tennessee**  
**(Anderson County)**

**FILE NO. 101703-2025-2-SC-INV**

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**PUBLIC CENSURE**

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The above complaint was filed against David A Stuart, #006770, 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 12, 2026.


Mr. Stuart is the owner of a law firm. After agreeing to represent a client in an immigration matter, Mr. Stuart assigned the calendaring of applicable deadlines to a nonlawyer in the firm. The nonlawyer failed to calendar the deadline for the filing of a pleading required by a scheduling order in the client's legal matter. As a result of the error, a request was filed by government counsel for entry of an order of removal. The nonlawyer overlooked the email transmitting notice of the request, and, as a result, no response to the request was filed and an order of removal was entered. Following notice of entry of the order of removal, Mr. Stuart filed a motion to reopen which was granted by the tribunal.

Investigation revealed that the errors in the handling of the client's legal matter arose out of Mr. Stuart's failure to create and implement adequate case management protocols to ensure his office's compliance with the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. Mr. Stuart additionally

failed to provide sufficient supervisory oversight over the nonlawyer who made the errors.

By these acts, David A. Stuart has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 5.1(a) (Responsibilities of Partners, Managers, and Supervisory Lawyers) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Ginger Wilson Buchanan, Vice Chair

7/10/2020  
Date