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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: SHANTELL S. SUTTLE, BPR #023365**  
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**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On July 17, 2018, Shantell S. Suttle, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Suttle failed to timely file a client's personal injury lawsuit and also failed to respond to requests for information from her client for three months in late 2016 and for six months in 2017. In another client matter, Ms. Suttle failed to timely pursue the closing of an estate after the initial filing opening the matter. Ms. Suttle took no action on the estate for more than a year, and failed to timely file an accounting. Ms. Suttle also failed to respond to requests for information from her client for eight months. The client paid Ms. Suttle a \$2,300 fee for the estate matter.

By these acts, Ms. Suttle has violated Rule of Professional Conduct Rule 1.3 (diligence) and Rule 1.4 (communication), and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation with the condition that she refund \$2,000 to the second client.

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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