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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: SHANTELL S. SUTTLE, BPR #023365**  
**CONTACT: EILEEN BURKHALTER SMITH**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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July 18, 2018

**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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT IX  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: SHANTELL S. SUTTLE, #023365  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 54169-9-ES, 54235-9-ES  
55496-9-ES

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaints were filed against Shantell S. Suttle, 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 8, 2018.

In one client matter, Ms. Suttle failed to timely file her client's personal injury lawsuit in violation of Rule 1.3 (diligence). Ms. Suttle also failed to respond to requests for information from her client for three months in late 2016 and for six months in 2017 in violation of Rule 1.4 (communication).

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 in violation of Rule 1.3 (diligence). Ms. Suttle also failed to respond to requests for information from her client for eight months in violation of Rule 1.4 (communication). The client paid Ms. Suttle a \$2,300 fee for the estate matter.

Ms. Suttle is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations with the condition that she refund \$2,000 to the second client.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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Jimmie C. Miller, Chair

7-17-18  
Date