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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHRISTOPHER LYNN TAYLOR, #018246
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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January 18, 2022

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 18, 2022, Christopher Lynn Taylor, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Taylor represented a client in a matter in federal court against the client's former employer. While summary judgment was pending, the client filed a *pro se* motion to "disqualify" Mr. Taylor because the client wanted to terminate the relationship with Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor then sent a closing letter and provided the client a copy of her file. Mr. Taylor did not, however, move to withdraw from the pending court matter. Mr. Taylor then failed to inform his client of the decision on summary judgment, and he failed to represent her on a motion for costs filed by the defendant, including at several court hearings on the motion for costs.

By these acts, Mr. Taylor has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16 (termination of representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and court), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) 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 IX
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: CHRISTOPHER LYNN TAYLOR, #018246
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 67380-9-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Christopher Lynn Taylor, 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 this matter at its meeting on December 10, 2021.

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FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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Floyd Flippin, Chair

01.18.22

Date