

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

IN RE: Kevin W. Teets, #029981  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee

FILE No. 100156-2024-6-ES-INV

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Kevin W. Teets, 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 September 13, 2024.

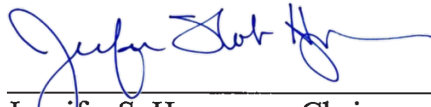
In August 2019, two clients hired Mr. Teets to represent them in seeking damages from a landlord after an apartment fire. The clients paid Mr. Teets a \$3,000 retainer. Mr. Teets drafted a lawsuit and deducted the filing fee from their retainer, but he never filed the lawsuit.

In November 2019, the same clients hired Mr. Teets to defend them in a detainer matter relating to a different apartment. Mr. Teets failed to attend multiple court settings on the detainer action, and default judgment was eventually entered against the clients. In October 2021, a judgment for damages was entered against the clients.

Mr. Teets failed to respond to numerous requests for information from the clients. Mr. Teets eventually refunded the filing fee in the first matter to the clients.

By the aforementioned acts Kevin Teets is in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping funds), 1.16 (termination of representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party), and 8.4 (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



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Jennifer S. Hagerman, Chair

October 24, 2024

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Date