

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

IN RE: STACEY ALLEN TERRAL, BPR NO. 023054
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Rutherford County)

FILE NOS.
100636-2024-4-TT-INV &
100637-2024-4-TT-INV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Stacey Allen Terral, #023054, 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 September 12, 2025.

Mr. Terral represented a client in a custody matter in the Rutherford County Juvenile Court. In preparing to submit discovery responses, Mr. Terral advised his client that with permission, he could sign the discovery attestation on the client's behalf to save some time. Believing that he had his client's permission, Mr. Terral engaged the services of his wife, who is a Notary Public, to notarize the document. Mr. Terral told his wife that the client had approved the discovery answers and they were ready to be notarized. Mr. Terral showed his wife a copy of Client's driver's license and signed the verification, which his wife then notarized. In signing the document, Mr. Terral signed the client's name and did not indicate that the document was being signed by him with client's permission nor in any way indicate that the document was signed by anyone other than the

client. Mr. Terral has been practicing law for over twenty (20) years and claims not to have known such action was improper.

By these acts, Mr. Terral has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.2(d) (scope of representation and allocation of authority between client and lawyer), 3.4(b) (fairness to opposing party and counsel), 4.1(a) (truthfulness in statements to others), 5.3 (responsibilities regarding nonlawyer assistants), and 8.4(a), (c), and (d) (misconduct), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



R. Culver Schmid, Chair

10-8-25

Date