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

IN RE: AL H. THOMAS, BPR NO. 8846

FILE NO. 53411-9-SC

Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee

(Shelby County)

## PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Al H. Thomas, #8846, 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 December 8, 2017.

Mr. Thomas was surety for the payment of court costs in a civil action. When the court costs remained unpaid after the dismissal of the client's lawsuit, the Court entered an order requiring Mr. Thomas to appear and show cause, if any, why judgment should not be entered against him for payment of the costs. Mr. Thomas failed to appear before the Court or provide notice that he was unable to appear.

By these acts, Al H. Thomas has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.4(c) (knowing disobedience of an obligation under rules of a tribunal), and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jimmie C. Miller, Chair