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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: AL H. THOMAS, BPR #8846
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January 18, 2018

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 11, 2018, Al H. Thomas, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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 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 the rules of a tribunal), and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial 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: AL H. THOMAS, BPR NO. 8846
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 53411-9-SC

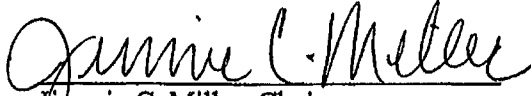
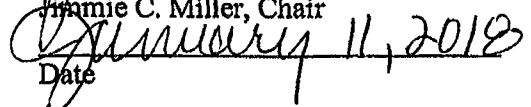
PUBLIC CENSURE

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
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Jammie C. Miller, Chair

Date