



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

**IN RE: MICHAEL JAMES THOMPSON, BPR #028041    FILE NO. 100732-2024-0-SC-INV**  
**Respondent, an attorney licensed**  
**to practice law in Tennessee**  
**(Christian County, Kentucky)**

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**PUBLIC CENSURE**


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The above complaint was filed against Michael James Thompson, #028041, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee and Kentucky, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on June 13, 2025.

Mr. Thompson represented a client in a custody proceeding in Kentucky state court. Mr. Thompson exchanged sexualized communications with his client during the representation, evidencing a concurrent conflict of interest. Mr. Thompson also communicated with his client about the subject matter of the custody proceeding through Instagram messaging without any privacy controls.

By these acts, Mr. Thompson has violated Kentucky Rules of Professional Conduct 1.6 (protecting confidential information) and 1.7(a)(2)(concurrent conflict of interest) and is hereby Publicly Censured these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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R. Culver Schmid, Chair

  
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Date