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

FILE NO. 52483-4-SC

IN RE: TODD ALLEN TRESSLER, BPR NO. 26925

Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee

(Wilson County)

## PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Todd Allen Tressler, #26925, 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 March 9, 2018.

Mr. Tressler hired a real estate broker in connection with the purchase of commercial realty. Mr. Tressler terminated the broker's services and hired an immediate family member as successor broker after an agreement was reached with the seller and the broker's work had been substantially completed. The closing documents and contractual agreements between Mr. Tressler and the two brokers granted the original broker the full commission and provided that the division of the commission would be subsequently negotiated between the original and successor brokers. Contrary to this agreement, Mr. Tressler refused to forward payment of the commission to the original broker after closing, and instead attempted to negotiate a division of the commission on behalf of the successor broker.

By these acts, Todd Allen Tressler has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(c), and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jimnie C. Miller, Chair

Date