January 15, 2020

MEMPHIS LAWYER CENSURED

On January 15, 2020, Charles Edgar Waldman, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Waldman failed to obtain a written fee agreement signed by his client and thus should have deposited the funds into his client trust account but did not do so. Mr. Waldman was not diligent in his representation of his client or the expedition of the client’s legal matter. There were large gaps of time in which Mr. Waldman could not explain or corroborate any communication he had with his client. After the client terminated Mr. Waldman’s representation, Mr. Waldman failed to formally withdraw as counsel from the client’s civil action.

By these acts, Charles Edgar Waldman has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 1.15 (safekeeping property), and 1.16(c) (terminating representation) 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.

Waldman 55209-9 rel.doc
IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT IX
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: Charles Edgar Waldman, Respondent,
BPR# 14682, an attorney licensed to
practice law in Tennessee.
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 55209-9-KB

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Charles Edgar Waldman, an attorney licensed to
practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule
9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December
13, 2019

Mr. Waldman failed to deposit a refundable fee into his trust account and was not diligent
in the representation of a client or the expedition of the client’s legal matter. After Mr. Waldman’s
representation was terminated, Mr. Waldman failed to formally withdraw as counsel of record for
his client.

By the aforementioned acts, Charles Edgar Waldman has violated Rule of Professional
Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.15 (safekeeping property), 1.16(c) (terminating
representation), and 3.2 (expediting litigation), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these
violations.
FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Floyd S. Flippin, Chair

1-15-2020

Date