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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: INEZ BEATRICE WARNER, BPR #028289
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October 7, 2021

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 7, 2021, Inez Beatrice Warner, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from Supreme Court of Tennessee conditioned upon the payment of restitution to three (3) clients totaling \$8,775.00 and the payment of fees to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Ms. Warner represented four (4) clients who filed complaints regarding her lack of diligence, lack of communication with them, failure to properly account of settlement proceeds, and unclear fee practices, including fee arrangements incompatible with Ms. Warner's stated fee agreements. The Hearing Panel found in three of the four complaints of Ms. Warner's conduct, by failing to stay in contact with clients and failing to satisfy medical liens, she violated RPC 1.3 (Diligence); the Hearing Panel found in all complaints that Ms. Warner's conduct, by failing to communicate with the clients and failing to provide notice of her office relocation, violated RPC 1.4 (Communication); the Hearing Panel found in three of the four complaints that Ms. Warner's conduct, by charging unreasonable fees and charging a nonrefundable fee without a written agreement, violated RPC 1.5 (Fees); the Hearing Panel found in one complaint that Ms. Warner's conduct, by failing to maintain adequate records concerning fund distribution, violated RPC 1.15 (Safekeeping of Property and Funds); and that Ms. Warner's conduct, pursuant to violations of RPC 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.15, violated RPC 8.4 (Misconduct).

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 RE: INEZ BEATRICE WARNER, BPR #028289

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2021-01175-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2018-2832-9-AJ

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Inez Beatrice Warner on February 23, 2018; upon a Response to Petition for Discipline filed on May 30, 2018; upon the Hearing Panel entering its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment on April 19, 2021; upon service of the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment upon Ms. Warner by the Executive Secretary of the Board on April 19, 2021; upon the Hearing Panel entering its Order on Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs on July 16, 2021; upon service of the Order on Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs upon Ms. Warner by the Executive Secretary of the Board on July 19, 2021; upon the Motion of the Board of Professional Responsibility to Alter or Amend the Judgment of the Hearing Panel filed on July 23, 2021; upon the Hearing Panel's Order on the Board of Professional Responsibility's Motion to Alter or Amend entered on August 27, 2021; upon service of the Order on the Board of Professional Responsibility's Motion to Alter or Amend upon Ms. Warner by the Executive Secretary of the Board on August 27, 2021; upon consideration and approval of the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment and Order on the Board of Professional Responsibility's Motion to Alter or Amend by the Board on September 10, 2021; upon Ms. Warner providing a written Waiver of Appeal to the Board on September 14, 2021; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Orders of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment and as amended by the Order on Board of Professional Responsibility's Motion to Alter or Amend as the Court's Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED
BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Inez Beatrice Warner is publicly censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, Ms. Warner shall, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, make restitution to the following individuals and shall furnish to the Board of Professional Responsibility proof of restitution. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Ms. Warner shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount.

(a) Maria Hernandez, \$6,825.00

(b) Sharon Dumas, \$1,000.00

(c) Elgen McFerren, \$950.00

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Warner shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,539.36.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(5) Ms. Warner shall pay to the Clerk of this Court its costs incurred herein, if any, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for which execution may issue if necessary.

(6) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM