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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHRISTOPHER P. WESTMORELAND, BPR #24789**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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October 20, 2017

**BEDFORD COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On October 17, 2017, Christopher P. Westmoreland, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

A client hired Mr. Westmoreland to represent him on a petition to change custody. The court entered an order in August 2016, restricting the client to supervised visitation. The client was aware of the ruling. Mr. Westmoreland mailed the client a copy of the order, but the client did not receive it. By email in September, November and December 2016, the client asked Mr. Westmoreland for a copy of the order. Mr. Westmoreland resent the order to the client in mid-December 2016. Mr. Westmoreland's conduct is in violation of Rule 1.4 (communication).

In March 2016, another client hired Mr. Westmoreland to represent him in a workers' compensation matter. A few months later, Mr. Westmoreland intended to withdraw from the representation, but did not do so. The court entered orders in July and September 2016 ordering Mr. Westmoreland's client to respond to discovery. The client was not aware of these orders and the discovery was not completed. The case was dismissed as a discovery sanction in November 2016.

By these acts, Mr. Westmoreland is in violation of Rules 1.4 (communication), 1.3 (diligence), 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) of the Rules of Professional Conduct 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.

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

IN RE: CHRISTOPHER P. WESTMORELAND, #24789  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Bedford County)

FILE NOS: 50447-4-ES,  
51304-4-ES

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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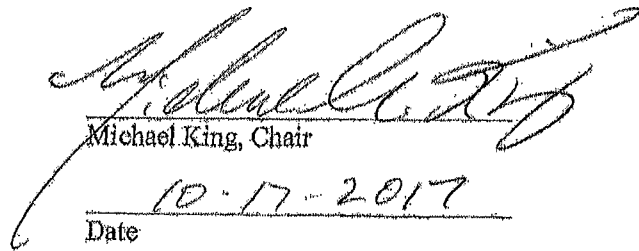
The above complaints were filed against Christopher P. Westmoreland, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on September 8, 2017.

A client hired Mr. Westmoreland to represent him on a petition to change custody. The court entered an order on August 19, 2016, restricting the client to supervised visitation. The client was aware of the ruling. Mr. Westmoreland mailed the client a copy of the order, but the client did not receive it. By email in September, November and December 2016, the client asked Mr. Westmoreland for a copy of the order. Mr. Westmoreland resent the order to the client in mid-December 2016. Mr. Westmoreland's conduct is in violation of Rule 1.4 (communication).

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By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Westmoreland is in violation of Rules 1.4 (communication), 1.3 (diligence), 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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Michael King, Chair

10-17-2017  
Date