

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

IN RE: Joseph Paul Weyant, #022587  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

FILES NO. 100058-2024-5-ES-INV  
100796-2024-5-ES-INV

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaints were filed against Joseph Paul Weyant, 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 12, 2025.

A client hired Mr. Weyant to file a probate action for her adult son. Mr. Weyant was later named the administrator of the estate. While he was serving as administrator of the estate, Mr. Weyant represented the client in filing a petition for grandparent visitation. Mr. Weyant withdrew from the grandparent visitation matter five months later. Mr. Weyant took no court action in the estate for four years. Mr. Weyant delayed responding to the Internal Revenue Service about a refund for the estate for one year.

In a second matter, Mr. Weyant was representing a client in a probate matter in which sensitive client information was placed under seal by the trial court. In an appeal of that matter, Mr. Weyant filed an appellate brief which addressed the sensitive client information without taking steps to protect the information, resulting in the information being referenced in the court's opinion.

By the aforementioned acts, Joseph Paul Weyant has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.7 (conflict of interest), and 8.4(d) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

*R. Culver Schmid*

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Culver Schmid, Chair

10-8-25

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Date