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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOSEPH PAUL WEYANT, BPR #022587
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 8, 2025, Joseph Paul Weyant, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Weyant was named the administrator of an estate. While he was serving as administrator of the estate, Mr. Weyant represented an heir of the estate in filing a petition for grandparent visitation against another heir of the estate. As administrator, 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 without taking steps to protect the confidential information, resulting in the information being referenced in the court's opinion.

By these 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.

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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