

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

IN RE: WILLIAM LEE WHEATLEY, BPR NO. 22339  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Sevier County)

FILE NO. 36451-1-PS

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against William Lee Wheatley, 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 December 6, 2013.

After Mr. Wheatley was appointed counsel in dependency and neglect proceedings, Mr. Wheatley failed to communicate with his client although his client made several attempts to contact him. Mr. Wheatley did not communicate his client until after the filing of the present disciplinary complaint. Mr. Wheatley was previously issued public discipline for failure to communicate with clients.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Wheatley violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), and 1.4 (communication) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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Russ Parkes, Chair

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