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

IN RE: Edward Kendall White, BPR No. 032725 Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee (Williamson County) FILE Nos. 68987c-6-ES, 68907c-6-ES

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Edward Kendall White, 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 this matter at its meeting on March 10, 2023.

In the first matter, Mr. White represented three indigent criminal defendants for whom he needed the services of an expert witness. Mr. White called the Administrative Office of the Court about approval for the cost of the expert, but he did not submit a motion for approval of the costs to the director in writing as set forth in Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 13, Section 5(e). The expert witness completed her work which was favorable for Mr. White's clients. The expert submitted her invoice for payment, but it was denied by the Administrative Office of the Court because of Mr. White's failure to comply with the procedure.

In the second matter, Mr. White represented a criminal defendant on appeal, and he failed to timely file the transcript or statement of evidence as required by the Tennessee Rules of Appellate Procedure. Mr. White later withdrew from the representation prior to submission of the transcript or statement of the evidence. By the aforementioned acts, Edward Kendall White is in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and court), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

> FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jennifer S. Hagerman, Chair

April 13, 2023 Date