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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: RONALD ANDRE STEWART, BPR #023042
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October 4, 2019

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 4, 2019, Ronald Andre Stewart, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court conditioned upon payment of fees to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Mr. Stewart was retained to represent a client in a medical malpractice claim. Mr. Stewart delayed in filing the complaint and did not timely issue the summonses on the defendants. Due to the delays, Mr. Stewart dismissed the case without properly consulting his clients.

Mr. Stewart executed a conditional guilty plea in which he acknowledged his misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4(a) and (c) (Misconduct).

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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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: RONALD ANDRE STEWART, BPR #023042

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2019-01718-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2018-2932-5-WM

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Ronald Andrew Stewart on November 13, 2018; upon Response to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Stewart on December 28, 2018; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Stewart on August 1, 2019; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on August 6, 2019; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 13, 2019; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

- (1) Ronald Andrew Stewart is publicly censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Stewart shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,067.50 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary. In the event Mr. Stewart fails to make any payment as required herein, the Board may reopen its disciplinary file and conduct further proceedings pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.8.

(4) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM