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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: GERALD TODD EIDSON, BPR #017342
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HAWKINS COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 10, 2019, Gerald Todd Eidson, a Tennessee licensed attorney, was publicly censured by the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Additionally, Mr. Eidson must engage a practice monitor at his own expense and meet with the practice monitor on a monthly basis to review basic office procedures. Mr. Eidson was ordered to pay the costs and expenses of the Board.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline on May 8, 2018 concerning one (1) complaint of misconduct. Mr. Eidson was appointed to represent an incarcerated client who had filed a *pro se* petition for post-conviction relief. Mr. Eidson failed to adequately communicate with his client and did not act diligently. As a result, the *pro se* petition for post-conviction was dismissed by the trial court. Mr. Eidson was able to have the order of dismissal set aside, and the client was appointed new counsel. Mr. Eidson executed a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging that his misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication) and 8.4(a) (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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