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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KYLE BATES HECKMAN, BPR #026363
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WILSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 20, 2025, Kyle Bates Heckman, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

A client hired Mr. Heckman to probate her late husband's estate. Mr. Heckman filed a petition to probate the estate and then took no further action for five years despite statements to the client that he would do so. In another client matter, Mr. Heckman failed to take steps to probate a client's father's estate for five months, and he failed to respond to 17 emails and multiple voicemails from the client.

By these acts, Kyle Bates Heckman, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) 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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