

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

IN RE: Kyle Bates Heckman, BPR #026363
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Wilson County)

FILES NO. 101006-2025-4-ES-INV
101336-2025-4-ES-INV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Kyle Bates Heckman, 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 September 12, 2025.

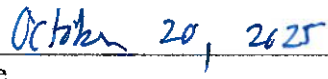
A client hired Mr. Heckman to probate her late husband's estate. Mr. Heckman filed a petition to probate the estate and then took no further action for five years despite statements to the client that he would do so. In another client matter, Mr. Heckman failed to take steps in probating a client's father's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

By the aforementioned 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.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Culver Schmid, Chair



Date