

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

IN RE: MITCHELL JEFFERY FERGUSON, BPR NO. 024960 FILE NO. 75533-4-TT
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Wilson County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Mitchell Jeffery Ferguson, #024960, 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 March 14, 2025.

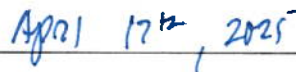
Mr. Ferguson was court appointed to represent a client who was charged with several felonies, including First Degree Murder, which carried a potential life sentence. During the representation, Mr. Ferguson failed to appear for multiple court hearings and failed to communicate with the Court and his client about hearing dates and absences. Mr. Ferguson failed to provide communication or copies of any legal documents to the client, and failed to meet with the client for trial preparation. Mr. Ferguson's inaction resulted in multiple continuances, the Court's removal of Mr. Ferguson from the client's case, and postponement of the client's murder trial, thereby prejudicing the administration of justice. The Court also instructed Mr. Ferguson he was no longer permitted to appear on matters pending before that Court.

By these acts, Mr. Ferguson has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



R. Culver Schmid, Chair



Date