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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: MITCHELL JEFFERY FERGUSON, BPR #024960**  
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**WILSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On April 17, 2025, Mitchell Jeffery Ferguson, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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 that 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 this violation.

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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