

**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: WENDELL CORNELIUS DAWSON, BPR #012960**  
**CONTACT: PRESTON SHIPP**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

October 15, 2018

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On October 15, 2018, Wendell Cornelius Dawson, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Dawson represented a client applying for cancellation of removal before the immigration court. Although Mr. Dawson presented documentation to the court concerning his client's presence in the United States, he failed to call any witnesses other than his client at the final hearing to satisfy the significant burden of showing exceptional and extremely unusual hardship. Likewise, Mr. Dawson did not diligently represent his client in his appeal. He did not meet with his client to discuss the appeal, and his brief was one page in which he generally argued, without citations to authority or the record, that his client had testified to his presence in the country and the hardship his children would suffer if he were removed from the United States.

By these acts, Mr. Dawson, has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence) 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.