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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KIMBERLY DIANE RUSSELL, BPR #018435
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BLOUNT COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On February 19, 2019, Kimberly Diane Russell, a Tennessee licensed attorney, was publicly censured by the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Additionally, Ms. Russell must engage a practice monitor at her own expense and meet with the practice monitor on a monthly basis to review basic office procedures. Ms. Russell was ordered to pay the costs and expenses of the Board.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline on May 23, 2018 concerning one (1) complaint of misconduct. Ms. Russell, while administratively suspended for CLE non-compliance, accepted a flat fee to prepare divorce documents for *pro se* divorce. Ms. Russell prepared documents for the divorce and did not enter a written fee agreement for the non-refundable fee. Ms. Russell executed a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging her misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (a) (5) (communication), 1.5 (fees), 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

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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