



BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
of the
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

LANCE B. BRACY
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

LAURA L. CHASTAIN
DEPUTY CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

BEVERLY P. SHARPE
CONSUMER COUNSEL DIRECTOR

1101 KERMIT DRIVE, SUITE 730
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37217
TELEPHONE: (615) 361-7500
(800) 486-5714
FAX: (615) 367-2480
E-MAIL: ethics@tbpr.org

WILLIAM W. HUNT, III
CHARLES A. HIGH
SANDY GARRETT
JESSE D. JOSEPH
JAMES A. VICK
THERESA M. COSTONIS
DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: THOMAS LEE BEAN, REG. NO. 474
CONTACT: JAMES A. VICK
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

January 23, 2004

CROSSVILLE LAWYER CENSURED

Thomas Lee Bean, a Crossville attorney, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility on January 22, 2004, for preparing a Durable Power of Attorney on or about May 13, 1998, at the request of the client, someone other than the grantor of the Power of Attorney. At the request of the client, Mr. Bean included language in the Power of Attorney that it was signed April 2, 1997. The signature of the grantor was forged on the Power of Attorney and the document was used by the client in an effort to obtain assets of the grantor. Mr. Bean did not participate in forging the signature on the Power of Attorney and did not know of or participate in the criminal enterprise.

Mr. Bean's conduct, nonetheless, violated DR 1-102(A)(1)(4)(5)(6) and DR 7-102(A)(5)(6)(7) of the Code of Professional Responsibility.

A Public Censure is a form of public discipline which declares the conduct of the lawyer improper but does not limit the lawyer's right to practice.