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JACKSON ATTORNEY CENSURED

On May 3, 2004, J. B. Glassman, of Jackson, Tennessee, received a public censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility. Glassman was given notice of the censure and did not request a hearing.

The client retained Glassman on approximately April 30, 2002 to handle the client's personal injury case. On approximately May 19, 2003, Glassman filed the following lien in the client's case:

- "1. \$4,000.00 for money borrowed and advanced to the plaintiff for personal expenses plus interest.
2. \$4,625.00 for 25% interest at \$18,500.00 which was offered in settlement, and refused by the plaintiff, for a total of \$8,625.00 plus interest for the loan."

In Glassman's response to this complaint, Glassman advised the Board the client "solicited my services and wanted me to advance him money in his lawsuit. I told him that I would not do that but was sympathetic because he had just lost his wife and told me that he was heavily in debt. Against my better judgment I acquired a loan for him at a local bank and had them put my automobile up for collateral. I explained to him that there would be deposition cost and possibly other expenses relating to the lawsuit and that I couldn't finance his lawsuit but did acquire the loan for him." Glassman's letter to the Board is inconsistent with Glassman's filed lien.

Glassman also sent a copy of the client's letter to Glassman to the adjuster but failed to seek or obtain the client's permission prior to doing so. Glassman's actions and inactions regarding the client's case violate DR 1-101(A)(1)(5)(60); DR 4-101(B); DR 5-103(B); DR 5-104' DR 5-101 and DR 2-106(A)(B).

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