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**REEVES, WILLIAM A.**

**BPR # 005343**

March 09, 1998

County: Knox

District: 2

Public censure on March 9, 1998. He represented a wife on business and personal matters, but did not represent her husband on any separate matters. The couple had a dispute during their marriage with a bank. Reeves represented both of them against the bank, obtaining a judgment for \$688,000. In February of 1995, a declaratory judgment lawsuit was filed relative to the wife's father's estate. It was filed on behalf of the wife, as personal representative, against the wife and the husband. Reeves represented the estate and the wife personally. An agreement was reached in which it was agreed the couple owed \$90,000 to the wife's father's estate. Relating to this estate, the Court criticized Reeves' involvement on both sides and new counsel was obtained to represent the estate because he had previously rendered legal assistance and advice to the husband in the bank litigation. Reeves represented the wife during divorce proceedings. The Board found a continuing conflict of interest as the bank judgment was the heart of the property dispute between the couple.



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