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MEMPHIS LAWYER PUBLICLY CENSURED

Gerald Wayland Pickens, a Memphis lawyer, received a public censure on April 15, 2002, by the Board of Professional Responsibility. The censure was issued by the Board pursuant to Rule 9, Section 8 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Pickens did not request a hearing in the matter. In a personal injury case Pickens loaned his client \$3,000 by check from his escrow account prior to settling her case. Thereafter Pickens settled the property damage, but failed to sue for the medical injuries and the statute of limitations expired. Pickens failed to adequately communicate with his client.

The imposition of a censure declares Pickens' actions to be improper ethical conduct, but does not limit his right to practice law.

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