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ESTEP, JAMES D. III

BPR # 009436

September 22, 1988

County: Claiborne

District: 1

Public censure on September 22, 1988. He was hired by the husband in a divorce proceeding on the grounds of irreconcilable differences. He prepared five property settlement agreements and each time the wife picked up the agreement and left. At no time did she confer with Estep. When there was an agreement on the property settlement, Estep set up a meeting of all parties in his office and during that meeting it was decided the grounds for divorce would be cruel and inhuman treatment to avoid the waiting period. Estep then announced he was going to represent the wife in the matter and called for a neighboring attorney to represent the husband.



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