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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: MICHAEL J. SNEED, BPR #11141**  
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**NASHVILLE LAWYER CENSURED**

Michael H. Sneed, a Nashville lawyer, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on November 25, 2002. A public censure is a public rebuke and warning to the offender, but, a censure does not affect the lawyer's license to practice law. The discipline was imposed by the Board and Sneed had a right to request a hearing. A hearing was not requested and the discipline is final.

The complaint arose when Mr. Sneed filed a lawsuit against three defendants. One of the defendants filed a motion to dismiss the case by summary judgment. Sneed failed to file affidavits and a memorandum of law as required by court rules and the defendant was dismissed from the lawsuit. Sneed did not attend court to argue the motion until the judge sent for him.

The other defendants then filed motions for summary judgment and Mr. Sneed failed to respond as required by court rules. The plaintiff was able to hire other counsel to oppose the motions in compliance with court rules.

The Board of Professional Responsibility found that Mr. Sneed's conduct was prejudicial to the administration of justice. The Board found that Sneed neglected and failed to prepare the legal matter.

Sneed was found by the Board to have intentionally or habitually violated court rules. His misconduct was aggravated by the fact that Sneed had received prior discipline including three public censures and a six-month suspension.

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