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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: BRUCE H. GUTHRIE, II, BPR. NO. 13553**  
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May 13, 2004

**CHATTANOOGA LAWYER CENSURED**

Bruce H. Guthrie, II, a Chattanooga attorney, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility on May 11, 2004. In Mr. Guthrie's representation of a client with an asbestosis claim, Mr. Guthrie filed the claim as a global plaintiff in a pending lawsuit, as opposed to filing an individual lawsuit on behalf of the client. Mr. Guthrie failed to explain the matter to the client to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make an informed decision regarding the representation. In his representation of another client, Mr. Guthrie appeared before a child support referee on behalf of a client with the strong odor of alcohol on his breath. Mr. Guthrie's conduct violated DR 1-102(A)(5)(6), DR 6-101, and DR 7-101(A)(3) of the Code of Professional Responsibility.

A Public Censure is a form of public discipline which declares the conduct of the lawyer improper but does not limit the lawyer's right to practice.

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