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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DAVID WAYNE PIPER, BPR NO. 13919
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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WOODBURY LAWYER CENSURED

David Wayne Piper, a Woodbury attorney, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility on February 13, 2002. A Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Piper on February 23, 2000. Mr. Piper entered into a Conditional Plea of Guilty with the Board of Professional Responsibility in exchange for a stated form of discipline. Mr. Piper's Public Censure resulted from his 1) signing and notarizing a client's signature to a bankruptcy document at the client's request; 2) permitting a statute of limitations which was subject to the discovery rule to lapse; and 3) failing to represent a client with reasonable diligence and promptness or explain the filing of a non-suit to a client to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation.

Mr. Piper's conduct violated DR 1-102(A)(1)(4)(5), DR 6-101(A)(2)(3), DR 7-101(A)(1)(2)(3)(4), and DR 7-105(C)(7) of the Code of Professional Responsibility.

Mr. Piper agreed to reimburse the Board of Professional Responsibility the costs and expenses of this proceeding.

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 law.