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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JES BEARD, BPR # 14170
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CHATTANOOGA LAWYER CENSURED

Jes Beard, a Chattanooga attorney, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility on December 4, 2002. Pursuant to an agreement entered into between Mr. Beard and the Board of Professional Responsibility to resolve a pending Petition for Discipline, Mr. Beard agreed to accept a Public Censure.

Mr. Beard represented a client in a suit in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee attacking the requirement that an individual disclose his Social Security Number as a condition to registering to vote. Mr. Beard agreed to accept a Public Censure for his failing to pursue formal discovery and/or take sufficient action to prosecute his client's case and failing, without consultation with or agreement of his client, to file a response to or appear for argument on a Motion for Summary Judgment. The client's case was dismissed by the court. Mr. Beard admitted his guilt of violating the Disciplinary Rules of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 7-101(A)(1)(2)(3)(4).

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.