



BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
of the
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

LANCE B. BRACY
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

LAURA L. CHASTAIN
DEPUTY CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

BEVERLY P. SHARPE
CONSUMER COUNSEL/DIRECTOR

1101 KERMIT DRIVE, SUITE 730
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37217
TELEPHONE: (615) 361-7500
(800) 486-5714
FAX: (615) 367-2480
E-MAIL: ethics@tbdr.org

WILLIAM W. HUNT, III
CHARLES A. HIGH
SANDY GARRETT
JESSE D. JOSEPH
JAMES A. VICK
THERESA M. COSTONIS
DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN CRIS HELTON, BPR NO. 14339
CONTACT: JAMES A. VICK
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

October 21, 2003

CHATTANOOGA LAWYER CENSURED

John Cris Helton, a Chattanooga attorney, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on October 20, 2003, for failing to deposit a retainer fee which was to be billed against at an hourly rate into his trust account until earned.

Mr. Helton's conduct was in violation of DR 9-102(A) 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 law.

/mw

Helton26328-3(C)jv