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## SMYRNA LAWYER CENSURED

Joe Mason Brandon, Jr., a Smyrna attorney, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on October 20, 2003, as a consequence of being found in contempt by the Circuit Court for failing to timely appear in court on three cases. Mr. Brandon was fined \$50.00 and sentenced to ten days in jail, suspended upon attendance to each of his cases on the dates and times assigned.

Mr. Brandon's conduct was in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 3.5(e) and 8.4(d).

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.

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