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CHATTANOOGA LAWYER CENSURED

Dana Layne Loftis, a Chattanooga attorney, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on October 31, 2002, as a consequence of Ms. Loftis having been found guilty of contempt by the Court of Criminal Appeals on May 1, 2002, for willfully failing to comply with an Order the Court of Criminal Appeals entered January 8, 2002, requiring Ms. Loftis to file an appellant brief on behalf of her criminal client within fourteen days.

The censure was issued by the Board of Professional Responsibility and there was no request for a hearing by Ms. Loftis. The Board of Professional Responsibility determined that Ms. Loftis' conduct adversely reflected upon her fitness to practice law in violation of DR 7-101(A)(1) and DR 7-106(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.