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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN STEPHEN ANDERSON, BPR #12367
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HAWKINS COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 11, 2018, John Stephen Anderson, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

A client hired Mr. Anderson to represent her in a car accident. Though Mr. Anderson filed a lawsuit, he did not timely serve process on the defendant. For three years, Mr. Anderson falsely told his client he was in the process of trying to settle the case. The lawsuit was dismissed by the court.

By these acts, Mr. Anderson, is in violation of Rules 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16 (termination of representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 8.1 (disciplinary matters), 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty), and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Because Mr. Anderson has received prior public discipline for similar conduct during the same time period, he is hereby publicly censured for these violations.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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