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SEVIER COUNTY ATTORNEY PUBLICLY CENSURED

Joe G. Bagwell, a Sevier County attorney, was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court on October 13, 2005.

Disciplinary Counsel, acting on authority of the Board of Professional Responsibility, filed a Petition for Discipline against Bagwell. Pursuant to Section 16 of Supreme Court Rule 9, Bagwell submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea in exchange for a stated form of discipline. He was found guilty of failing to adequately supervise his non-lawyer assistants and failing to keep adequate escrow records.

Bagwell's actions violate Rules 5.1; 1.15 and 8.4(a)(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

The Order also specified that Bagwell was to attend the Board of Professional Responsibility's Ethics Workshop and shall reimburse the Board of Professional Responsibility for costs and expenses of the disciplinary proceeding.

The imposition of this censure declares Bagwell's actions to be improper ethical conduct, but does not limit his right to practice law.

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