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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CAROL ANN BARRON, BPR #016580
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RHEA COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 14, 2026, Carol Ann Barron, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Barron is a notary public, and she needed to notarize her client's signatures in a transfer of property. Ms. Barron's notary stamp was not in her office, but her assistant is also a notary. Ms. Barron received permission to use the assistant's notary stamp, and Ms. Barron then notarized the signatures of her clients by signing the assistant's name and using the assistant's notary stamp on a deed. Ms. Barron did not indicate that she was signing someone else's name "with permission."

By these acts, Carol Ann Barron has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 4.1 (truthfulness in statements to others) and 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty) and 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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