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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT IV
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: THOMAS LEE BEAN
BPR No. 474

FILE NO. 26627-4-jv

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Thomas Lee Bean, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered this matter at its meeting on September 12, 2003, and determined that Mr. Bean should be sanctioned by Public Censure. Mr. Bean prepared a Durable Power of Attorney on or about May 13, 1998, at the request of the client, someone other than the grantor of the Power of Attorney. At the request of the client, Mr. Bean included the typed language, "...I have signed this power of attorney this 2nd day of April, 1997" in the Power of Attorney. The signature of the grantor was forged on the Power of Attorney by someone other than Mr. Bean and the document was used by the client in an effort to obtain assets of the grantor. While Mr. Bean did not participate in forging the signature on the Power of Attorney and did not know of or participate in the criminal enterprise, the Power of Attorney

obviously could not be executed on April 2, 1997. Mr. Bean's actions violated DR 1-102(A) (1) (4) (5) (6) and DR 7-102(A) (5) (6) (7) of the Code of Professional Responsibility and he is hereby Publicly Censured for that violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Charles E. Carpenter

Charles E. Carpenter, Chair

Date *January 20, 2004*