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CHATTANOOGA LAWYER CENSURED

Jes Beard, a Chattanooga attorney, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility on June 23, 2003, for assisting his client in removing his client's child from the home of the child's grandmother, where the child had been placed pursuant to a safety plan entered into between the child's mother and the Department of Children's Services. The taking of the child was ultimately determined to be a violation of the safety plan and ultimately resulted in child custody proceedings against the client and prejudice to the client. Mr. Beard's conduct violated DR 1-102(A)(6) and DR 7-106(A)(C)(7).

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.