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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOEL ROBERT BELLIS, BPR # 27750
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MAURY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 30, 2015, Joel Robert Bellis, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Bellis threatened to harm one of his former law partners which was confirmed after a full hearing in an Order of Protection proceeding.

By these acts, Joel Robert Bellis has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(b) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation. In addition, Mr. Bellis shall be required to attend and successfully complete an anger management program approved by the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program within one hundred eighty (180) days of issuance of this Public Censure.

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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