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DAVIDSON COUNTY ATTORNEY PUBLICLY CENSURED

Paula Ogle Blair, a Davidson County attorney, was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court on September 14, 2006.

Disciplinary Counsel, acting on authority of the Board of Professional Responsibility, filed a Petition for Discipline against Blair. Pursuant to Section 16 of Supreme Court Rule 9, Blair submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea in exchange for a stated form of discipline. She was found guilty of neglect, failure to communicate, failure to follow trust account rules, and withdrawing in a case shortly prior to trial.

Blair's actions violate Rules 1.3; 1.4; 1.15; 1.16 and 8.4 of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

The Order also specified that Blair shall reimburse the Board of Professional Responsibility for costs and expenses of the disciplinary proceeding.

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

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