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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ERIC JASON BYRD, ADMISSION PENDING
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GEORGIA LAWYER CENSURED

On December 26, 2019, Eric Jason Byrd, an attorney whose admission to practice law in Tennessee is pending, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Byrd began working remotely for a Tennessee law firm in late 2018. In January 2019, Mr. Byrd moved to Nashville and began working in the law firm's Nashville office. Mr. Byrd did not file an application for comity admission to Tennessee until May 16, 2019. Mr. Byrd's biographical information on his law firm's web page did not indicate that he was not yet licensed to practice law in Tennessee. The letterhead used by the firm also did not accurately reflect that Mr. Byrd was not yet licensed in Tennessee from January until June 2019.

By these acts, Mr. Byrd has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law) and 7.1 (communication concerning a lawyer's services), and he is hereby publicly censured for this conduct.

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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