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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KIRK D. CATRON, BPR #23552
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## RUTHERFORD COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 20, 2017, Kirk D. Catron, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

On June 13, 2016, Mr. Catron was representing a client in chancery court before a special master. Although the special master ruled in Mr. Catron's favor on an objection, Mr. Catron remarked, "That's what I have come to expect from you." Mr. Catron continued, "You never treat me or my office fairly, and of course you will rule against me, as you always do." Mr. Catron went on to complain that the special master had treated him unfairly in three other cases and must have a personal problem with him. Mr. Catron's actions demonstrated disrespectful and obstreperous conduct to a tribunal.

By these acts, Kirk D. Catron, has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 3.5(e) (engaging in conduct intended to disrupt a tribunal), 8.2(a) (impugning integrity of judicial officers), and 8.4(d) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

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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