

## BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: REX AUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN, BPR #034715
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## **SUMNER COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On February 19, 2020, Rex Austin Chamberlain, a Tennessee licensed attorney, was publicly censured by the Supreme Court of Tennessee and ordered to pay the expenses of the Board.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline on December 14, 2018 concerning one (1) complaint of misconduct by his former employees alleging that Mr. Chamberlain's relationship with Patriot Angels was inappropriate. Patriot Angels received referrals from assisted living facilities to assist applicants in securing Aid and Attendance benefits for Veterans and would refer potential claimants to Mr. Chamberlain. Patriot Angels is not an intermediary organization, regulated by Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 44. Mr. Chamberlain executed a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging accepting referrals and lack of professional independence from Patriot Angels in violation of Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct Rules 5.4 (professional independence of a lawyer), 7.1 (communication concerning a lawyer's services), 7.2(c) and (d) (advertising), 7.3(a) (solicitation of potential clients), 7.6(a) and (b) (intermediary organizations) and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

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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