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## **DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On April 27, 2016, Mark E. Chapman, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Chapman was hired by a client to file a slip-and-fall case. After some work on the matter, Mr. Chapman failed to file a lawsuit within the applicable statutory period. Mr. Chapman realized his mistake a few weeks after the statute had run, and he informed the client of the mistake. The client suffered harm as a result of Mr. Chapman's actions because the potential defendant indicated the matter would have been compromised.

By these acts, Mr. Chapman has violated 1.1 (competence) and 1.3 (diligence) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

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