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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: MICHAEL SCOTT COLLINS, BPR #19065**  
**CONTACT: KEVIN D. BALKWILL**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

November 13, 2012

**SUMNER COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On November 13, 2012, Michael Scott Collins of Hendersonville, Tennessee, was Publicly Censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.4.

Mr. Collins entered into a representation agreement with a client that was vague, ambiguous, and without sufficient clarity for the client to understand the scope of Mr. Collins' representation. Mr. Collins also billed the client for work performed by a paralegal without first obtaining the consent of the client.

By these acts, Michael Scott Collins has violated Rule 1.2 (scope of representation), 1.5 (fees), and 8.4(a) (misconduct) of the Rules of Professional Conduct 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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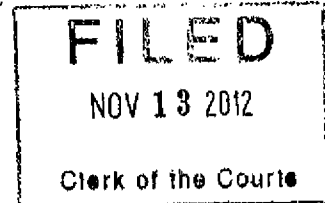
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE MICHAEL SCOTT COLLINS, BPR #019065  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Sumner County)



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No. M2012-02306-SC-BPR-BP  
BOPR No. 2012-2098-6-KB

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility against Michael Scott Collins on January 9, 2012; upon an Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Collins on January 30, 2012; upon the Order and Judgment entered by the Hearing Panel on August 29, 2012; upon the Board's approval of the Hearing Panel's recommendation on September 21, 2012; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Judgment of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the Court that:

1. Michael Scott Collins shall be and is hereby Publicly Censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.4.
2. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Collins shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,854.00, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
3. The Board shall cause notice of this Public Censure to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Koch, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE

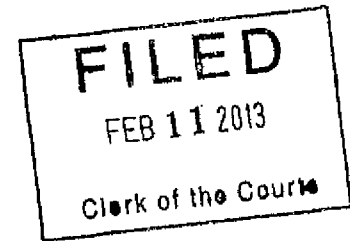
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**AMENDED ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

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From all of which the Court approves the Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Judgment of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that:

1. Michael Scott Collins shall be and is hereby Publicly Censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.4.
2. Michael Scott Collins shall provide restitution to Tommy and Terri Thompson in the amount of \$1,593.75 pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.7.
3. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Collins shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,854.00, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

4. The Board shall cause notice of this Public Censure to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark  
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE