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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL SCOTT COLLINS, BPR #19065
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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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