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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CATHLEEN GRADY CONLEY, BPR #4567
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April 21, 2016

COFFEE COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 20, 2016, Cathleen Grady Conley, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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By these acts, Ms. Conley violated Rules of Professional Conduct 5.7 (responsibilities regarding law-related services) and 7.3 (solicitation of potential clients) 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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT IV
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: CATHLEEN GRADY CONLEY, BPR NO.4567
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Coffee County)

FILE NO. 41402-4-BG

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Cathleen Grady Conley, #4567, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on March 11, 2016.

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FOR THE BOARD OF
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael King", written over a horizontal line.

Michael King, Chair

4/20/16
Date