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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: GEORGE E. COPPLE, BPR #006411**  
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September 28, 2026

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On September 28, 2026, George E. Copple, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Copple provided a monetary loan to a friend, who then hired Mr. Copple on a legal matter. Mr. Copple stated in writing that he was not charging the friend a fee. As the matter got more complicated, Mr. Copple told the client he would begin billing hourly. Mr. Copple made multiple references to the personal loan that the client had not yet repaid. While the matter was on appeal, Mr. Copple filed a lawsuit against the client for attorney fees and payment of the personal loan.

By these acts, George E. Copple has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.7 (conflict of interest) and 1.8(a)(3)(e) (conflict of interest, specific rules) 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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