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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: PAUL FORREST CRAIG, BPR# 18359**  
**CONTACT: PRESTON SHIPP**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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January 14, 2011

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On January 14, 2011, Paul Forrest Craig, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

For approximately a year, Mr. Craig misled his client into thinking that his cases were being litigated, when in fact Mr. Craig never had filed a lawsuit. Mr. Craig failed to take reasonable action to prosecute his client's claims and failed to keep his client informed regarding the status of the cases. Moreover, Mr. Craig misrepresented to his client the status of the cases and the work he had performed.

By the aforementioned acts, Paul Forrest Craig has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), and 8.4(c) (misconduct) 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 RE: PAUL FORREST CRAIG, BPR NO. 18359  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 33341-9-PS

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Paul Forrest Craig, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December 10, 2010.

The Respondent was retained to represent the Complainant's supply company in several collections matters. For approximately a year the Respondent misled the Complainant into thinking that the matter was being litigated, when in fact the Respondent never filed a lawsuit in any of the cases. Finally, the Respondent informed the Complainant that he had been dishonest and had not taken appropriate action in the cases. The Respondent refunded the money that the Complainant paid him.

Respondent violated RPC 1.3 and 1.4 by failing to take reasonable action to prosecute his client's claims and failing to keep his client informed regarding the status of the cases. Moreover, the Respondent violated RPC 8.4(c) by misrepresenting to his client the status of the cases and the work he had performed.

By the aforementioned facts, Paul Forrest Craig has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), and 8.4(c) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

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Lela M. Hollabaugh, Chair

1-12-11  
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