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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES DAVID DEAS, BPR #002049
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BLOUNT COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 26, 2021, Charles David Deas of Maryville, TN, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Deas deposited his own funds into his trust account in order to issue a cashier's check from the account which is a violation of Rule 1.15 (safekeeping funds) and resulted in potential harm to his clients. Mr. Deas also failed to adequately protect the bank checks for his trust account, and he failed to have proper procedures in place to make sure his assistant was in compliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of Rule 5.3 (nonlawyer assistance).

By these acts, Charles Deas has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping funds) and 5.3 (nonlawyer assistance) and is hereby Publicly Censured.

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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