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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN MARTIN DRAKE, BPR #30532**  
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**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On October 14, 2015, John Martin Drake, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In April of 2015, the Court of Criminal Appeals entered an order removing Mr. Drake as counsel after he abandoned his client's appeal from the denial of post-conviction relief. Mr. Drake failed to file a brief on his client's behalf and likewise failed to respond to the Court's inquiries regarding the status of the appeal.

By these acts, John Martin Drake has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4 (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.8, the Public Censure was conditioned upon the fact that Mr. Drake will submit to a TLAP-requested evaluation and will follow all subsequent TLAP recommendations.

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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