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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: WILLIAM L. DRAPER, NO. 3260**  
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February 21, 2008

**GAINESBORO LAWYER CENSURED**

By Order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered February 14, 2008, William L. Draper was Publicly Censured. A Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Draper by the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee on May 23, 2006. On November 17, 2006, the Hearing Panel entered a Default Judgment against Mr. Draper on the Petition for Discipline and deemed admitted the allegations made therein. A hearing was conducted before the Hearing Panel on November 17, 2006, to determine the sanction to be imposed. By the Judgment of the Hearing Panel filed December 1, 2006, and Amended Judgment filed December 18, 2006, the Hearing Panel found that the Respondent's conduct in pursuing an interest against a former client which was substantially related to the matter in which the Respondent had represented the former client violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.6(a), 1.7(a)(b), 1.9, and 8.4(c)(d) and that Mr. Draper should be publicly censured. The Respondent did not seek review of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel.

It was further ordered that Mr. Draper reimburse the Board of Professional Responsibility the costs and expenses of the proceeding in the amount of \$2,172.40.

A Public Censure is a form of public discipline which declares the conduct of the lawyer improper but does not limit the lawyer's right to practice.

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