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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: MITCHELL JEFFREY FERGUSON, BPR# 024960**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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June 24, 2011

**MURFREESBORO LAWYER CENSURED**

On June 21, 2011, Mitchell Jeffrey Ferguson of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was publicly censured and ordered to pay restitution by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Ferguson pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Ferguson submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea to the Petition acknowledging violating Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.5 (fees); 1.7 (conflict of interest); 1.16 (terminating representation); 8.1 (disciplinary matters), and 8.4 (misconduct). Mr. Ferguson was further ordered to pay \$3,280 in restitution to three (3) former clients and the costs of the disciplinary proceedings.

For these violations, the Supreme Court of Tennessee publicly censured Mitchell Jeffrey Ferguson. 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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AT NASHVILLE

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**MITCHELL JEFFERY FERGUSON, BPR #024960**

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(Rutherford County)

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BOPR No. 2010-1901-14-CM  
File No. 33327-4-CM

NO. M2011-01351-SC-BPO-BP

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Mitchell Jeffery Ferguson ("Respondent") on February 24, 2010; upon Respondent's Answer to Petition for Discipline filed April 6, 2010; upon Respondent's Conditional Guilty Plea filed May 20, 2011; and upon the Hearing Panel Order Approving the Conditional Guilty Plea filed May 24, 2011; upon Board approval of Respondent's Conditional Guilty Plea, on June 10, 2011 and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Order of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

It is therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. The Respondent Mitchell Jeffery Ferguson is publicly censured and ordered to pay restitution as follows: (a) Theresa and Ray Moss, \$1,000; (b) David Dassau, \$1,780; (c) Harold Piercy, \$500.
2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,316.83, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
3. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

4. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten days after the date of entry.

For the Court:

Cornelia A. Clark  
CORNELIA A. CLARK, CHIEF JUSTICE

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that  
this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.

This 27 day of June, 2011

CLERK OF COURT

BY: [Signature] D.C.