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**SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAMES B. FISHER, JR., BOPR #6205**  
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**MEMPHIS LAWYER CENSURED**

James B. Fisher, Jr., of Memphis, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on May 25, 2005. The censure was issued by the Board pursuant to Rule 9, Section 8 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Fisher did not request a hearing on the matter.

A complaint alleging ethical misconduct was filed against Fisher and the Board's investigation revealed that he had consistently used his IOLTA escrow account for a very large number of personal transactions unrelated to his law practice from January, 1998 through July of 2004. Fisher ceased this activity in August of 2004.

The Board found no actual misappropriation of entrusted funds on Fisher's part, and found somewhat mitigating his acceptance of responsibility and his acknowledgment that such commingling was ethically improper. Fisher's substantial experience in the practice of law (licensed to practice in 1978) was considered an aggravating circumstance in this matter.