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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAMES HENRY FLOOD, BPR #16091**  
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August 14, 2013

**WILSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On August 7, 2013, James Henry Flood, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Flood entered a fee contract with his client which stated he would receive a fee of 25% of past due social security benefits owed to the client. The client made periodic payments to Mr. Flood to be held for expenses or for satisfaction of the contingency fee. Mr. Flood received six payments from the client, and failed to deposit three of the payments into his trust account. An overdraft resulted in Mr. Flood's trust account when he wrote a check to himself for the earned fees. In another matter, Mr. Flood earned an attorney fee in May 2012 and failed to remove the fee from his trust account for more than seven months.

By these acts, James Henry Flood has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

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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