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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES JAMES FRIDDELL, JR., BPR #3460
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On May 12, 2015, Charles James Friddell, Jr., of Nashville, was publicly censured by the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Charles James Friddell, Jr., on July 31, 2014, based upon one complaint of misconduct arising from his involvement in a series of real estate financing transactions designed to protect certain personal assets of his client from business creditors. Mr. Friddell represented the buyer, seller and lender in the real estate transactions without obtaining the informed consent of his clients, confirmed in writing. Mr. Friddell prepared the real estate transaction documents, handled the foreclosure and trustee's sale, handled the real estate closing and recorded the deed of trust. Thereafter, Mr. Friddell learned no actual consideration had been paid but took no action to correct or disaffirm the recorded instruments and the fraudulent conveyance.

Mr. Friddell entered a conditional guilty plea admitting he violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.7, Conflict of Interest; 1.9, Duties to Former Clients; 2.2, Lawyer Serving as an Intermediary Between Clients; 4.1, Truthfulness in Statements to Others; and 8.4(a), Misconduct.

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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