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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 16, 2019, Mr. Garrison was publicly censured by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Garrison must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

A petition for discipline was filed against Mr. Garrison on June 20, 2017. Mr. Garrison represented a client in a personal injury claim arising from an automobile accident. Mr. Garrison provided financial assistance to his client by paying the deposit so that the client might obtain a rental car and by advancing money to the client from a settlement with which to pay the client's rent. Mr. Garrison had been disciplined on four prior occasions for improperly providing financial assistance to clients. A hearing panel found that Mr. Garrison had violated the Rules of Professional Conduct and recommended that he be publicly censured.

Mr. Garrison's ethical misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.8(e), Conflict of Interest; 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.