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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CARRIE WATSON GASAWAY, BPR #18746**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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April 19, 2016

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On April 13, 2016, Carrie Watson Gasaway, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a public censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Within ninety (90) days, Ms. Gasaway shall pay restitution in the amount of \$250 to the first client, and pay restitution to the second client in the amount of \$3,500, and provide proof of such payment to Disciplinary Counsel.

Ms. Gasaway accepted a nonrefundable retainer from the first client with \$250 designated to be held in trust. At the conclusion of the representation, Ms. Gasaway provided no explanation for her use of the funds held in trust and did not refund the \$250. In the second matter, Ms. Gasaway accepted a \$3,500 fee from a client and did no work, and she failed to respond to requests for information from the client. Ms. Gasaway failed to respond to these disciplinary complaints.

By these acts, Ms. Gasaway has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping funds), 1.16 (terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 8.1 (disciplinary matters) and 8.4 (prejudice to the administration of justice). Two clients suffered actual and potential harm as a result of Ms. Gasaway's actions.

Ms. Gasaway is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney. Ms. Gasaway was previously disbarred on October 5, 2015.

IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VI  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: CARRIE W. GASAWAY  
BPR No. 18746  
Formerly an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Montgomery County)

FILE NOS. 42265-6-ES, 42461c-6-ES

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Carrie Watson Gasaway, formerly an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December 11, 2015.

Ms. Gasaway accepted from a client a \$5,000 nonrefundable retainer, with \$250 designated for trust. Ms. Gasaway did no work on the civil matter for two years, and then defended two depositions. Ms. Gasaway provided no explanation for her use of the funds held in trust. In another matter, Ms. Gasaway accepted \$3,500 from a client and did no work, and she failed to respond to requests for information from the client. Ms. Gasaway has failed to respond to these disciplinary complaints.

By the aforementioned acts, Ms. Gasaway has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping funds), 1.16 (terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 8.1 (disciplinary matters) and 8.4 (prejudice to the administration of justice). Ms. Gasaway is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

Additionally, within ninety (90) days, Ms. Gasaway shall pay restitution to the first client in an amount of \$250, and pay restitution to the second client in an amount of \$3,500, and provide proof of such payment to Disciplinary Counsel.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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Michael King, Chair

  
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Date

4/13/16