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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CARRIE WATSON GASAWAY, BPR #18746
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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.