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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN MICHAEL GIGLIO, BPR #25139**  
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February 27, 2013

**GEORGIA LAWYER CENSURED**

On February 26, 2013, John Michael Giglio, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In an estate matter, Mr. Giglio informed his client that he would charge a fifteen percent contingency fee, but did not provide a written contract documenting the terms of the fee agreement. Because he was not licensed in Tennessee, Mr. Giglio associated and divided his fee with a Tennessee attorney. The client contested the reasonableness of Mr. Giglio's \$70,000 attorney fee before the Probate Court, because he charged fifteen percent of the \$500,000 that the client had received from one insurance company without Mr. Giglio's assistance. The Probate Court Clerk and Master found that a reasonable fee for Mr. Giglio's services would be \$20,000, and ordered him to refund \$50,000 plus the costs of the fee proceeding.

By these acts, John Michael Giglio has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5(a) (requiring reasonable fees), 1.5(c) (requiring written contingency fee agreements), and 1.5(e) (requiring written consent prior to division of fees between lawyers), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

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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