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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ROBIN J. GORDON, BPR #14618**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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October 23, 2012

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On October 22, 2012, Robin Jeffrey Gordon, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

Mr. Gordon employed an attorney with a non-active Illinois law license, not licensed in Tennessee, to work as a paralegal in his office. The employee held himself out to clients as an attorney by signing two letters with detailed legal advice, providing three receipts which listed him as an "attorney" with a billable rate of \$250, and providing a business card identifying himself as an "attorney at law." Mr. Gordon billed for the time of the non-licensed attorney at an unreasonable rate and failed to ensure that the employee's conduct was not the unauthorized practice of law.

By the above acts, Mr. Gordon has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5 (fees) and 5.3 (responsibilities regarding non-lawyer assistants).

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

IN RE: ROBIN JEFFREY GORDON, BPR NO. 14618  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 34972-5-ES

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PUBLIC CENSURE

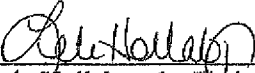
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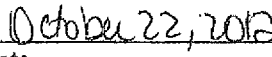
The above complaint was filed against Robin Jeffrey Gordon, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on September 21, 2012.

Respondent employed an attorney with a non-active Illinois law license, not licensed in Tennessee, to work as a paralegal in his office. The employee held himself out to clients as an attorney by signing two letters with detailed legal advice, providing three receipts which listed himself as an "attorney" with a billable rate of \$250, and providing a business card identifying himself as "attorney at law." Respondent billed the non-licensed attorney at an unreasonable rate and failed to ensure that the employee's conduct was not the unauthorized practice of law.

By the aforementioned acts, Robin Jeffrey Gordon has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5 (fees) and 5.3 (responsibilities regarding non-lawyer assistants) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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Lela Hollabaugh, Chair

  
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Date