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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: SHERYL D. GUINN, BPR # 25420
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January 24, 2012

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 24, 2012, Sheryl D. Guinn, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Guinn was paid \$9,000 to represent a defendant who was charged with four counts of rape of a child, and one count of Aggravated Sexual Battery. The fee agreement was not in writing. Later, the defendant discharged Ms. Guinn and she refused to refund any portion of the fee. Ms. Guinn asserted that the fee was nonrefundable. However, since January 1, 2011, a nonrefundable fee must be in writing.

By the aforementioned acts, Sheryl D. Guinn, has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.5 (a) (excessive fee) and 1.5 (f) (unwritten nonrefundable fee agreement) 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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