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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CLINTON EUGENE HAGAMAN, BPR # 22108
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LAWYER CENSURED

On March 17, 2010, Clinton Eugene Hagaman, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Respondent worked as an associate in a law firm. During the course of his employment, Respondent prepared a letter on behalf of an individual purporting to have accepted Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for representation in a felony drug case. Respondent never received any funds, and the letter was intended to deceive a third party into believing that funds had been paid to Respondent. Respondent thereafter left the State of Tennessee to seek rehabilitation for a substance abuse problem. The individual who received the letter from Respondent met with the senior counsel in Respondent's previous law firm. The individual showed the senior counsel the letter and demanded representation for his felony drug charge. The senior counsel could not confirm whether or not payment had been received by Respondent, and agreed to represent the individual through the disposition of his criminal case.

By his actions, Clinton Eugene Hagaman has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(c) (Misconduct Involving Misrepresentation and Deception). For this violation, the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censures Clinton Eugene Hagaman. 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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