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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CLINTON EUGENE HAGAMAN, BPR # 22108**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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March 18, 2010

**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.

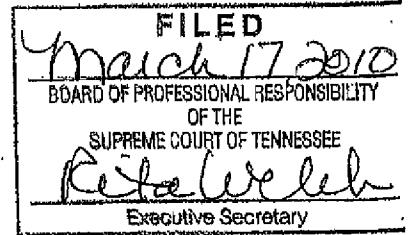
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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT II  
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IN RE: CLINTON EUGENE HAGAMAN BPR NO. 22108      FILE NO. 26386-2(K)-TC  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee

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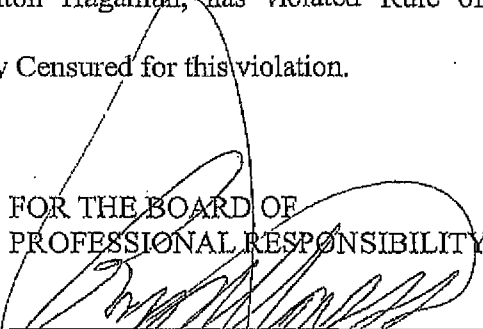
The above complaint was filed against Clinton Hagaman, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered this matter at its meeting on March 12, 2010.

Respondent worked as an associate attorney for Tommy K. Hindman. In June, 2003, Respondent informed Mr. Hindman that he had a substance abuse problem and intended to leave town to seek professional treatment for an undetermined length of time. Subsequent to Respondent's departure, Mr. Hindman was confronted by Derik Price, who alleged that he had paid Respondent \$10,000.00 for representation in a felony theft case. Mr. Price provided Mr. Hindman with a letter from Respondent indicating that a \$10,000.00 retainer had been received for representation of Mr. Price. Mr. Hindman could not confirm whether or not Mr. Price had actually paid Respondent, but nevertheless agreed to represent Mr. Price through the conclusion of his criminal matter. Respondent states that Mr. Price was the individual who provided narcotics to him. Mr. Price wanted to deceive his father who had grown curious about his spending of a substantial sum of personal funds. Mr. Price had spent the money on narcotics. Mr. Price requested a letter from Respondent indicating that \$10,000.00 had been paid for legal

services attributed to his felony drug charge. Respondent states that he initially declined to write the letter, but later relinquished fearing that he would lose his narcotic contact. Respondent denies that any money was exchanged between Mr. Price and himself. Mr. Hindman filed the disciplinary complaint against Respondent, but recently acknowledged that there are no outstanding complaints or unresolved issues related to Respondent's previous employment with his firm or his representation of any clients.

By the aforementioned facts, Clinton Hagaman, has violated Rule of Professional Conduct RPC 8.4(c) and is hereby Publically Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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Roger Maness, Chair

3-16-10  
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Date