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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DAVID LYNN HAMBLÉN, BPR #010234
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OBION COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 23, 2024, David Lynn Hamblen, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Hamblen represented the mother of a child in a custody matter in which an order had been entered granting the mother supervised visitation. The parties and their counsels were discussing entering an agreed order giving the mother unsupervised visitation, but prior to any agreement on that issue, Mr. Hamblen's client called him and said she was having a problem arranging for her visitation to be supervised on a particular day. Mr. Hamblen then instructed his client to go ahead with unsupervised visitation. Opposing counsel filed a motion for contempt, and Mr. Hamblen told opposing counsel that he had instructed his client not to comply with the existing court order, and that he knew no order had been entered relieving her of the supervised visitation.

By these acts, David Lynn Hamblen has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.4 (fairness to opposing party) and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

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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