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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM CALDWELL HANCOCK, BPR#5312
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NASHVILLE LAWYER CENSURED

On February 9, 2015, William Caldwell Hancock, of Nashville, Tennessee, was publicly censured by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline based upon a complaint of misconduct filed against Mr. Hancock. Mr. Hancock was suspended on August 21, 2013 for failure to complete continuing legal education requirements. While suspended, Mr. Hancock engaged in the unauthorized practice of law by continuing to represent a client. Mr. Hancock drafted and filed legal pleadings on behalf of a client. Mr. Hancock entered into a conditional guilty plea consenting to a public censure.

Mr. Hancock's actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 5.5(a), Unauthorized Practice of Law; and 8.4(a), Misconduct.

For these violations, the Tennessee Supreme Court publicly censured Mr. Hancock. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the lawyer, but does not affect the lawyer's ability to practice law.

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