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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: WILLIAM CALDWELL HANCOCK, BPR#5312**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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February 10, 2015

**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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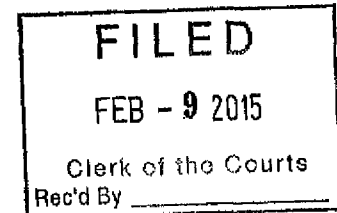
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: WILLIAM CALDWELL HANCOCK, BPR #5312**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

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No. M2015-00219-SC-BAR-BP  
BOPR No. 2014-2312-5-KH

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against William Caldwell Hancock on April 21, 2014; upon Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed June 25, 2014; upon Order Denying Motion for Default Judgment Without Prejudice entered July 17, 2014; upon Mr. Hancock's Verified Rate of [sic] Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim Upon Which Relief Can Be Granted filed September 19, 2014; upon the Board's Response to Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim Upon Which Relief Can Be Granted filed September 23, 2014; upon the entry of a Conditional Guilty plea on November 25, 2014; upon the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on November 26, 2014; upon the Board's consideration and approval of the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on December 12, 2014.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts it as the Court's Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.4 (2006)<sup>1</sup>, William Caldwell Hancock is hereby publicly censured.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3 (2006), Mr. Hancock shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$356.64 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> This matter was initiated before the Board of Professional Responsibility prior to January 1, 2014; therefore, the 2006 version of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 is applicable.

(3) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published.

PER CURIAM