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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: R. W. HARDISON, BPR #9479**  
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**MAURY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On January 28, 2016, R. W. Hardison, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In September 2014, Mr. Hardison's communication with his clients and diligence in handling his clients' case significantly declined. After being discharged by the clients, Mr. Hardison failed to promptly surrender the clients' file. Additionally, during October 2014, Mr. Hardison continued working in his law office and performing legal activities despite the fact that his law license had been suspended for failing to comply with continuing legal education requirements.

By these acts, R. W. Hardison has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16 (terminating representation), and 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), 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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