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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: STEPHEN TODD HASTEY, BPR #22835**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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February 7, 2014

**KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On February 4, 2014, Stephen Todd Hastey, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

After receiving a client's settlement proceeds, Mr. Hastey issued a check to the client's medical provider for \$4,667. The medical provider failed to deposit the check for ten months, at which time the funds were not in the trust account. Mr. Hastey then paid the medical provider from his personal funds.

In another matter, Mr. Hastey paid a filing fee for a client with funds from the trust account. Mr. Hastey later determined that the client had not given him funds to pay the fee. In another matter, Mr. Hastey used trust account funds to pay four personal and business expenses.

By these acts, Stephen Todd Hastey has violated Rule of Professional Conduct Rule 1.15 (safekeeping funds) 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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT III  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: Stephen Todd Hastey, BPR NO. 22835  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Knox County)

FILE NO. 35588-3(N)-ES

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Stephen Todd Hastey, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December 6, 2013.


After receiving a client's settlement proceeds, Respondent issued a check to the client's medical provider for \$4,666.67. The medical provider failed to deposit the check for ten months, at which time the funds were not in the trust account. Respondent then paid the medical provider from his personal funds.

In another matter, Respondent paid a filing fee for a client with funds from the trust account. Respondent later determined that the client had not given him funds to pay the fee.

In another matter, Respondent used trust account funds to pay four personal and business expenses.

By the aforementioned acts, Stephen Todd Hastey has violated Rule of Professional Conduct Rule 1.15 (safekeeping funds) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



J. Russell Parkes, Chair

2/4/14

Date