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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MARGARET BEEBE HELD, BPR #018033
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KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 13, 2020, Margaret Beebe Held, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court conditioned upon payment of fees to the Board of Professional Responsibility and restitution to her client.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Held pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Ms. Held had a conflict of interest between her client and her client's expert witness. Ms. Held self-reported the incident and made a good faith effort to mitigate adverse consequences. Ms. Held was ordered to pay the costs of the disciplinary proceeding and restitution to her client.

Ms. Held executed a conditional guilty plea in which she acknowledged her misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (communication) and 1.7 (conflict of interest: current clients) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

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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