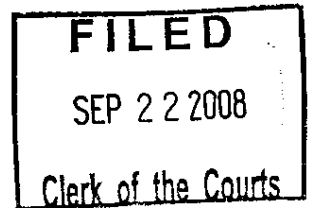


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE



**IN RE: JOHN CRIS HELTON, BPR #14339**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Hamilton County)

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BOPR NO. 2007-1717-3(c)-JV  
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**ORDER**


This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Respondent, John Cris Helton, on November 7, 2007; upon Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed by Respondent on November 28, 2007; upon a hearing before a Hearing Panel on May 14, 2008; upon the Judgment of the Hearing Panel filed on June 2, 2008, recommending that Respondent receive a public censure for his failure to properly administer an estate and to respond to court orders pertaining thereto; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court finds that the Judgment of the Hearing Panel recommending that Respondent be publicly censured is appropriate under the circumstances of this case and should be adopted as the Court's Order.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Respondent is hereby publicly censured.
2. Pursuant to Rule 9, § 24.3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, Respondent shall pay to the Board the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,558.00 assessed by the Clerk of the Court in this cause, for all of which execution may issue, if necessary.
3. The Board shall cause notice of this public censure to be published as if required by Rule 9, 18.10 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

FOR THE COURT:

  
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE