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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: THOMAS L. HINSON #9488**  
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**COLLIERVILLE ATTORNEY PUBLICLY CENSURED**

Thomas L. Hinson, of Collierville, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on September 5, 2001. The censure was issued by the Board pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 8. Hinson did not request a hearing on the matter.

Hinson was employed in February, 2000 to perform a title search of property in Fayette County, but performed no services for the client through the early fall of last year. He did not return the client's phone calls inquiring about the status of the matter nor did he comply promptly with the client's September, 2000 certified letter discharging him and requesting the return of her retainer.

Hinson did not respond to the disciplinary complaint in a timely fashion and likely would not have refunded the client's retainer if a disciplinary complaint had not been filed in April of 2001. The Board noted that Hinson's prior disciplinary history reflected a disturbing pattern of neglect and dilatoriness in his responses to the Board and to his client, and placed him on notice that further violations of this nature could subject him to a formal proceeding seeking suspension of his law license.

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