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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: LARRY JOE HINSON, BPR #23286
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July 18, 2019

LEWIS COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 18, 2019, Larry Joe Hinson, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Hinson was paid \$1,500 to represent his client in a divorce action. Mr. Hinson did not have a written fee agreement and was suspended from the practice of law before he could conclude the representation. Mr. Hinson offered to reimburse \$750.00 to his client, but failed to respond to requests from the Board for compliance with such obligation. Mr. Hinson only recently confirmed that he reimbursed funds to his client. Mr. Hinson also failed to comply with his notice obligations for suspended attorneys requiring him to file an affidavit with the Board.

By these acts, Larry Joe Hinson has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.5 (fees), 3.4(c) (disobeying an obligation under rules of tribunal), and 8.1(b) (disciplinary matters) 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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