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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JASON DANIEL HOLLEMAN, BPR #019806**  
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**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On July 21, 2020, Jason Daniel Holleman, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Supreme Court of Tennessee and was ordered to pay costs to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline on February 28, 2018, regarding Mr. Holleman's representation of clients who sought to obtain a cemetery by adverse possession and move it to another location.

Mr. Holleman filed a Petition to Quiet Title and Termination of a Cemetery known as the Rains Cemetery. The Hearing Panel found and the Trial Court affirmed that Mr. Holleman delegated to a non-lawyer the responsibility of contacting descendants of the Rains family and publishing Notice of the Petition in the *Nashville Ledger* without communicating directions appropriate to reasonably assure the non-lawyer's conduct was compatible with Mr. Holleman's professional obligations. Mr. Holleman misrepresented to the court that notice of the Petition to Quiet Title had been served by publication when, in fact, the notice had not been published. Mr. Holleman misrepresented to the court that a descendant of the family buried in the cemetery had agreed to re-inter the bodies at a perpetual care cemetery, and obtained a default judgment on pleadings that, at the time the motion was filed, were no longer true as the historic cemetery had been restored.

Mr. Holleman's conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 3.1 (meritorious claims and contentions), 5.3 (responsibilities regarding nonlawyer assistants), and 5.4 (professional independence of a lawyer).

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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