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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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## WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA LAWYER CENSURED

On October 14, 2016, Jerry Dell Holmes, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Holmes operates a title and escrow company. Mr. Holmes did not maintain adequate bookkeeping procedures and failed to properly train and supervise non-lawyer staff which resulted in numerous overdrafts on Mr. Holmes' trust accounts.

By these acts, Jerry Dell Holmes has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds) and 5.3 (responsibilities regarding non-lawyer assistants), 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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