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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: DANIEL M. HURST, BPR# 22856**  
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**ALABAMA LAWYER CENSURED**

On April 27, 2011, Daniel M. Hurst, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Hurst was formerly licensed to practice law in Tennessee, but took Inactive Status on January 31, 2005. Because of this status, Mr. Hurst is not authorized to practice law in Tennessee. Mr. Hurst later became involved in assisting a relative in the litigation of a will contest action. He volunteered to draft pleadings for a legal services attorney if the attorney would represent the relative in her case. Mr. Hurst later prepared pleadings on behalf of his relative giving the appearance that the relative had filed the pleadings on her own. Mr. Hurst sent an *ex parte* letter to the presiding judge on two separate occasions in an attempt to sway the course of litigation in his relative's favor. In addition, he made threatening and reckless statements questioning the integrity of the presiding judge in the case, and refused to adequately respond to Disciplinary Counsel during the disciplinary investigation.

By the aforementioned acts, Daniel M. Hurst has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2(d) (assisting a client in fraudulent conduct), 3.3 (candor toward the tribunal), 3.4(c) (knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal), 3.5(b) (*ex parte* communication with a judge during a proceeding), 4.1(a) (knowingly making a false statement of material fact to a third person), 4.4(a) (using means that have no substantial purpose other than to delay or burden a third person), 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), 8.1(b) (failure to respond to a demand for information by Disciplinary Counsel), 8.2(a) (making a false statement concerning the integrity of a judge), and 8.4(a) (violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct), (b) (committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer), (c) (engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), and (d) (conduct prejudicial to administration of justice) 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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