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RE: J. STEPHEN HURST, BPR NO. 000547
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CAMPBELL COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

Effective March 25, 2026, J. Stephen Hurst, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

Mr. Hurst represented a client in a property boundary action. During the representation, Mr. Hurst improperly negotiated and settled the pending action without his client's knowledge or authorization and failed to inform the court when he announced the terms of the settlement that his client had not approved the settlement.

By these acts, Mr. Hurst violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2 (allocation of authority between client and lawyer), 3.3 (candor toward the tribunal), and 8.4(d) (misconduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and was 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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