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MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 19, 2024, the Supreme Court of Tennessee released an opinion affirming the decision of the Montgomery County Chancery Court imposing a public censure on Colleen Ann Hyder pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, Section 12.4. The trial court affirmed the findings of the Board of Professional Responsibility disciplinary Hearing Panel finding Ms. Hyder had committed professional misconduct by representing clients in court and at a mediation for a week after she knew her license was summarily suspended under Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, Section 26, for failure to pay the professional privilege tax. The Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of the Chancery Court that public censure was the appropriate disciplinary sanction for violating Tennessee Rule of Professional Conduct 5.5(a) (Unauthorized Practice of Law).

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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