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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CRYSTAL GOAN JESSEE, BPR #024445
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GREENE COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 24, 2023, Crystal Goan Jessee, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In representing her client in a criminal case, Ms. Jessee filed a poorly drafted and ambiguous motion to recuse. In the motion and affidavit, Ms. Jessee made a frivolous statement concerning the judge's representation of his current wife in a prior divorce proceeding without making reasonable inquiry regarding the truth of this assertion. Ms. Jessee's statement implied that such conduct by the judge was improper. Further, Ms. Jessee made a reckless statement that the judge had endorsed her opponent in an election in violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

By these acts, Ms. Jessee has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 3.1 (meritorious claims and contentions), and 8.2 (judicial and legal officials) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

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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