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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: MARY BELLE LANGFORD, BPR #20169**  
**CONTACT: KEVIN D. BALKWILL**  
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July 11, 2017

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On July 10, 2017, Mary Belle Langford, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court. As a condition of the Public Censure, Ms. Langford shall make restitution to her client in the amount of \$3,250.00 within 180 days.

Ms. Langford failed to adequately communicate with her client and she failed to submit discovery responses to the opposing party which had been timely provided by her client. Ms. Langford's neglect and failure to appear in court led to a default judgment granted to the opposing party and sanctions assessed against her client in the amount of \$3,250.00.

By these acts, Mary Belle Langford has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the 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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