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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ALAN C. LEE, BPR #012700
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July 12, 2018

HAMBLEEN COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 9, 2018, Alan C. Lee, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Lee issued two checks from his trust account to two clients for settlement funds to those clients. At the end of the month, Mr. Lee mistakenly believed the two checks had been cashed by the clients, so Mr. Lee took the remaining funds on those matters as a fee. The two clients later cashed the checks, and the checks were covered by other funds in the account. Mr. Lee discovered the error, but did not replace the funds in his trust account which had been inadvertently taken as a fee for almost two months. Mr. Lee's conduct resulted in harm to his clients.

By these acts, Mr. Lee is in violation of 1.15(e) (safekeeping funds) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation with the condition that he attend the three-hour Trust Account Workshop by the Board of Professional Responsibility, scheduled for August 29, 2018.

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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT I
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: ALAN C. LEE, #012700
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Hamblen County)

FILE NO. 56485n-1-ES


PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Alan C. Lee, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on June 8, 2018.

Respondent issued two checks from his trust account to two clients for settlement funds to those clients. At the end of the month, Respondent mistakenly believed the two checks had been cashed by the clients, so Respondent took the remaining funds on those matters as a fee. The two clients later cashed the checks, and the checks were covered by other funds in the account. Respondent discovered the error, but did not replenish the funds in his trust account for almost two months. Respondent's conduct resulted in harm to client funds.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Lee is in violation of 1.15(e) (safekeeping funds) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation with the condition that he attend the three-hour Trust Account Workshop by the Board of Professional Responsibility, scheduled for August 29, 2018.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY


Jimmie C. Miller, Chair
7-9-18
Date