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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: LARRY JOE HINSON, BPR #23286**  
**CONTACT: KEVIN D. BALKWILL**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

July 18, 2019

**LEWIS COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On July 18, 2019, Larry Joe Hinson, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Hinson was paid \$1,500 to represent his client in a divorce action. Mr. Hinson did not have a written fee agreement and was suspended from the practice of law before he could conclude the representation. Mr. Hinson offered to reimburse \$750.00 to his client, but failed to respond to requests from the Board for compliance with such obligation. Mr. Hinson only recently confirmed that he reimbursed funds to his client. Mr. Hinson also failed to comply with his notice obligations for suspended attorneys requiring him to file an affidavit with the Board.

By these acts, Larry Joe Hinson has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.5 (fees), 3.4(c) (disobeying an obligation under rules of tribunal), and 8.1(b) (disciplinary matters) 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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VI  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: Larry Joe Hinson, Respondent,  
BPR# 23286, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee.  
(Lewis County)

FILE NO. 59308-6-KB

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Larry Joe Hinson, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on June 14, 2019

Mr. Hinson was paid \$1,500 to represent his client, Anthony Bolton, in a divorce action. Mr. Hinson did not have a written fee agreement and was suspended from the practice of law before he could conclude the representation. Mr. Hinson offered to reimburse \$750.00 to Mr. Bolton but has not done so and failed to respond to requests from the Board for a status of such payment. Mr. Hinson also failed to comply with his notice obligations for suspended attorneys requiring him to file an affidavit with the Board.

By the aforementioned acts, Larry Joe Hinson has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.5 (fees), 3.4(c) (disobeying obligation under rules of tribunal), and 8.1(b) (disciplinary matters) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. As a condition of the Public Censure, Mr. Hinson shall be required to reimburse \$750.00 in fees directly to Mr. Bolton within 90 days of the date set forth below.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Floyd S. Flippin*

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Floyd Flippin, Chair

*7-18-2019*

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Date