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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: FLETCHER WHALEY LONG, BPR# 18775**  
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June 5, 2014

**CLARKSVILLE LAWYER CENSURED**

On June 4, 2014, Fletcher Whaley Long, of Clarksville, Tennessee, was publicly censured by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Long alleging that he committed ethical misconduct for failure to deposit a fee into his trust account despite a written agreement to do so, failure to provide an accounting of fees, and failure to refund unearned fees. A hearing panel determined that Mr. Long should receive a public censure for his misconduct. Mr. Long appealed the disciplinary sanction which was affirmed by the Chancery Court and by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Long's actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.4, Communication; 1.15, Safekeeping Property; 1.16, Declining or Terminating Representation; and 8.4, Misconduct.

For these violations, the Tennessee Supreme Court publicly censured Mr. Long. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the lawyer, but does not affect the lawyer's ability to practice law.

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