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RE: IVAN OMAR LOPEZ, BPR# 26441
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 25, 2011, Ivan Omar Lopez, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Lopez allowed clients to pay filing fees into his business account and he would later transfer the money to his trust account. This co-mingling of funds violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15, but no client funds were adversely affected.

By the aforementioned acts, Ivan Omar Lopez, has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping property) 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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IN RE: Ivan Omar Lopez, BPR NO. 26441
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 33770-5(N)-PS

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Ivan Omar Lopez, 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 September 9, 2011.

Through investigation of an overdraft of the Respondent's trust account, it was revealed that the Respondent regularly allowed clients to pay filing fees via a credit card payment service that deposited the money into his business account. The Respondent would then transfer the money to his trust account, but he did not always do so timely. In one case, the Respondent left the filing fee in his business account for a month before transferring the money to his trust account. In another case, the Respondent left money that a client had given him for the purpose of paying a traffic ticket in his business account for one week before transferring the money to his trust account. However, no client funds were adversely affected.

By comingling his own funds with those of his clients, Ivan Omar Lopez has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping property) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Lela Hollabaugh
Lela Hollabaugh, Chair

October 11, 2011
Date

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