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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ERICA MAY LOTZ, BPR #31213
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## WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 11, 2017, Erica May Lotz, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In her representation of a client in a divorce action, Ms. Lotz withdrew unearned client fees from her trust account and comingled these fees with her own personal funds. After being discharged by her client, Ms. Lotz failed to promptly return the unearned fees.

By these acts, Erica May Lotz has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(a) (comingling client fees with personal funds), 1.15(c) (withdrawal of unearned client fees from trust account), and 1.16(d)(6) (returning unearned fees following discharge), 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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