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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ROSS NEAL MITCHELL, BPR #28231
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MCNAIRY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 19, 2015, Ross Neal Mitchell, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Mitchell was hired to pursue a legal malpractice action. Mr. Mitchell prepared a complaint and had the client sign the document. Thereafter, he made multiple misrepresentations to his client, including that he filed the complaint, that there were court hearings scheduled on three occasions, that mediation was scheduled on a particular date, and that the lawsuit was successful. Mr. Mitchell has no prior discipline and has made full and free disclosure of his actions.

By these acts, Mr. Mitchell has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), and 1.16 (terminating representation). Mr. Mitchell further violated Rule 8.4(c) (dishonesty, misrepresentation) multiple times 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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