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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JACK COLIN MORRIS, BPR #15855**  
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**MADISON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On January 13, 2017, Jack Colin Morris, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In 2010, Mr. Morris represented a client in post-conviction proceedings. When the post-conviction petition was denied, Mr. Morris was to pursue a direct appeal. However, Mr. Morris neglected to file a notice of appeal, and when his client inquired about the status of the matter, Mr. Morris misinformed him that the appellate court had not yet issued its opinion. In 2015, Mr. Morris advised his client that he had inadvertently neglected to file the notice of appeal and sought permission to late-file. The Court of Criminal Appeals declined to waive the untimely notice of appeal.

By these acts, Jack Colin Morris has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice) 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.