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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: HENRY ALLEN NOHSEY, BPR #8756
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March 4, 2011

### UNION CITY LAWYER CENSURED

On March 3, 2011, Henry Allen Nohsey, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Nohsey represented an Executrix of an estate. On September 30, 2009, the Executrix loaned Mr. Nohsey \$50,000 from estate funds, evidenced by a demand note signed by him. Mr. Nohsey did not advise the Executrix of the opportunity to seek independent legal advice regarding the loan. Mr. Nohsey repaid the loan in full on July 28, 2010. On August 2, 2010, the Chancellor summoned the Executrix to appear before the court with bank records. By order dated August 4, 2010, the Chancellor removed the Executrix from her responsibilities and Mr. Noshey as the estate's attorney. On September 17, 2010, Mr. Noshey entered into an agreed order to refund \$54,000 in attorney fees paid to him over the course of the representation which had not been approved by the court. Mr. Noshey has paid the \$54,000.

By his actions, Henry Allen Nohsey, has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.8(a) (conflict of interest, prohibited transactions). For this violation, the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censures Henry Allen Nohsey. 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 DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VIII OF THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE:

Henry Nohsey, #8756 Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee

(Obion County)

File No. 33398-8-JV

#### PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Henry Nohsey, 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 December 10, 2010.

The Respondent represented an Executrix of an estate. On September 30, 2009, the Executrix loaned the Respondent \$50,000.00 from estate funds, evidenced by a demand note signed by the Respondent. The Respondent did not advise the Executrix of the opportunity to seek independent legal advice regarding the loan. The Respondent repaid the loan in full on July 28, 2010. On August 2, 2010, the Chancellor summoned the Executrix to appear before the court with bank records. By order dated August 4, 2010, the Chancellor removed the Executrix and Respondent as the estate's attorney. On September 17, 2010, the Respondent entered into an agreed order to refund \$54,000.00 in attorney fees paid to Respondent over the course of the representation which had not been approved by the court. The Respondent has paid the \$54,000.00.

By the aforementioned facts, Henry Nohsey violated Rules of Professional Conduct RPC

1.8(a) (conflict of interest, prohibited transactions) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Ela Hollabaugh, Chair

Date