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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: RAMSDALE O'DeNEAL, JR., BPR #013367
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October 11, 2023

SUMNER COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 11, 2023, Ramsdale O'DeNeal, Jr., an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. O'DeNeal represented a client in a criminal matter for which the client paid a flat fee. The client agreed to accept a plea, and just prior to the date of the hearing to accept the plea, Mr. O'DeNeal requested the client pay an additional \$1,000 fee. Mr. O'DeNeal did not advise the client to seek legal advice, and he did not receive informed consent to change the fee. The client paid the additional fee, but in the course of the disciplinary investigation, Mr. O'DeNeal refunded to the client the \$1,000 additional fee.

By these acts, Ramsdale O'DeNeal, Jr., has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5 (fees) and 1.8 (conflict of interest: specific rules) 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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