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SHELBYVILLE LAWYER CENSURED

Clarence W. Phillips, of Shelbyville, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on August 30, 2006. The censure was issued by the Board pursuant to Rule 9, Section 8 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Phillips did not request a hearing on the matter.

A complaint alleging ethical misconduct was filed against Phillips involving his solicitation of clients. The Board found that on February 2, 2006, Phillips improperly made a live telephonic solicitation to another lawyer's client regarding possible representation of this individual in an automobile injury and accident matter, after obtaining information identifying this person from accident reports. The potential client did not initiate any contact whatsoever from Phillips regarding possible employment.

Attorneys in Tennessee are not permitted to solicit clients in this fashion, and must limit their direct communications in this regard to written or recorded communications that may be mailed or electronically transmitted.

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