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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN MINOR RICHARDSON, JR, BPR #10289**  
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November 4, 2013

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On November 1, 2013, John Minor Richardson of Montgomery County, was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Richardson pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court. Mr. Richardson submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging violation of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence) 5.3 (responsibilities regarding non-lawyer assistants) and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Mr. Richardson failed to adequately supervise his non-lawyer employee who did not follow internal accounting procedures that resulted in a monetary loss to his client. Upon discovering the problem, Mr. Richardson terminated the employee and conducted an extensive internal audit of his accounts. He also repaid the client for the loss.

For these violations, the Tennessee Supreme Court publicly censured John Minor Richardson. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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