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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES D. R. ROBERTS, JR., BPR #17537
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 20, 2015, James D. R. Roberts, Jr., an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In an appellate brief, Mr. Roberts argued that the lower court had been “evasive and untruthful,” had “conduct[ed] unnecessary hearings and enter[ed] untruthful and harassing orders in order to cover up” its own improper conduct; and made improper findings against him “to deflect attention from its own illegal acts.”

In ruling against Mr. Roberts, the Court of Appeals noted that Mr. Roberts made “unwarranted accusations impugning the integrity” of the trial court and “baseless and improper assertions” designed to deflect attention away from his own “flagrant misconduct in the trial court.”

By these acts, James D. R. Roberts, Jr., violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.2 (statements about judicial officers) 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.

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