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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: RANDY GEORGE ROGERS, BPR # 005630**  
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**ATHENS LAWYER CENSURED**

On October 28, 2008, Randy George Rogers, of Athens, Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Respondent appeared in Circuit Court on January 19, 2007, on a motion to set aside an order of protection. When the court concluded another matter, the Respondent attempted to gain the attention of the court to advise that the matter would be passed. The court made a statement to the effect that it would not consider the matter at that time since the court was in recess. In frustration, the Respondent threw his file on counsel table, made a hand gesture and uttered an expletive toward the judge. The judge did not witness the gesture nor hear the expletive. The Respondent immediately went to the judge's chambers and apologized for his conduct and wrote a letter of apology to the judge dated January 26, 2007. On February 5, 2007, the court filed a Show Cause Order charging the Respondent with criminal contempt. On September 26, 2007, the Respondent was found guilty of criminal contempt, fined \$50 and sentenced to serve ten days in jail, probated for three years. By opinion filed September 29, 2008, the Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction. The acts of Randy George Rogers violated Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(b)(d).

For these violations, the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee publicly censured Randy George Rogers. 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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