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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: PAUL NEIL ROYAL, BPR #18207**  
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**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On October 24, 2014, Paul Neil Royal, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Royal agreed to file an eviction action for a client but failed to do so. The client reached an agreement with the tenant that the tenant would move out. The tenant, however, failed to move out. Over the next year, Mr. Royal made at least five affirmative misrepresentations to the client that the eviction action had been filed and was delayed due to various reasons. The client later hired new counsel who evicted the tenant. Mr. Royal reached a financial settlement with the former client.

By these acts, Mr. Royal has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty or misrepresentation) 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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