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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PAUL DONALD RUSH, BPR# 23865
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January 2, 2014

MCMINN COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On December 27, 2013, Paul Donald Rush, of McMinn County, Tennessee, was publicly censured by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Rush on July 6, 2012 alleging that he committed ethical misconduct in the prosecution of a criminal case. A hearing panel determined that Mr. Rush intentionally solicited a statement from a prosecution witness which had been prohibited by a court order prior to trial. Further, the hearing panel concluded that Mr. Rush failed to report misconduct to the Board of Professional Responsibility as ordered by the trial court.

Mr. Rush's actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 3.4(c), Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel, and 8.4(d), Misconduct.

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

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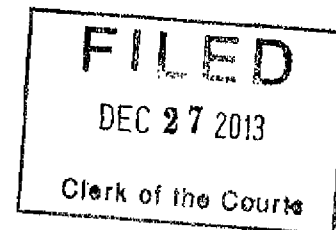
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: PAUL DONALD RUSH, BPR #23865
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(McMinn County)

No. M2013-02822-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2012-2136-3-RW



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Paul Donald Rush on July 6, 2012; upon Answer filed by Mr. Rush on August 20, 2012; upon a Motion to Dismiss filed by Mr. Rush on March 6, 2013; upon the Board's Response to the Motion to Dismiss on March 20, 2013; upon entry by the Hearing Panel of an Order denying the Motion to Dismiss on April 9, 2013; upon a final hearing held on September 9, 2013; upon entry of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on September 23, 2013; upon entry of an Amended Judgment of the Hearing Panel on September 24, 2013; upon service of the Amended Judgment upon counsel for Mr. Rush on September 24, 2013; upon consideration and approval by the Board of Professional Responsibility on November 18, 2013; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Amended Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts it as the Court's Order.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that:

(1) Paul Donald Rush is publicly censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.4.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Rush shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,470.45 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(3) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE