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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: STEVEN EDWARD SAMS, BPR #22560**  
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**KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On February 26, 2015, Steven Edward Sams, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

After being temporarily suspended from the practice of law, Mr. Sams engaged in the unauthorized practice of law by entering into an engagement agreement with a client in an immigration asylum case. Mr. Sams misled the client by representing that he was working on an appeal in the asylum case. The client discovered that no appeal had been timely filed and that Mr. Sams' license to practice law had been suspended. On November 26, 2014, Mr. Sams was disbarred for misconduct in an unrelated case.

By these acts, Steven Edward Sams has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16 (terminating representation), and 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

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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