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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: STEVEN EDWARD SAMS, BPR #22560
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February 27, 2015

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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT II
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
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IN RE: Steven Edward Sams, BPR NO. 22560
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

FILE NO. 37370-2-BG

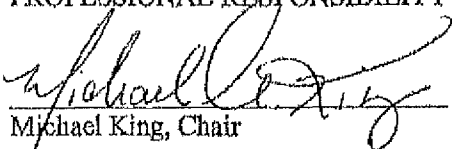
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Steven Edward Sams, #22560, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered this matter at its meeting on December 12, 2014.

After being temporarily suspended from the practice of law, the Respondent entered into an engagement agreement with a client in an immigration asylum case. The Respondent misled this 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 the Respondent's license to practice law had been suspended. On November 26, 2014, the Respondent was disbarred for misconduct in an unrelated case.

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

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY


Michael King, Chair

9-26-2015
Date