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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: HAROLD SCOTT SAUL, BPR #23000
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## **NASHVILLE LAWYER CENSURED**

On April 20, 2020, Harold Scott Saul, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Saul represented a client in a contemplated uncontested divorce action and an action to expunge an old criminal charge. Mr. Saul failed to adequately communicate with his client and was not diligent in the representation which caused the client to terminate the attorney-client relationship. Mr. Saul made a partial reimbursement to his client of previously advanced fees and costs directly from his operating account. Mr. Saul failed to reimburse additional fees advanced to him for the divorce, but such fees were deemed unreasonable as Mr. Saul had not provided any substantive representation in the matter.

By these acts, Harold Scott Saul has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping property), and 8.4(a) and (d) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. As a condition of the Public Censure, Mr. Saul shall be required to reimburse \$750.00 in fees directly to his former client within 60 days.

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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