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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: WALTER T. SEARCY, BPR #11867**  
**CONTACT: ALAN D. JOHNSON**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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April 27, 2017

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On April 26, 2017, Walter T. Searcy of Nashville, Tennessee was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court, and ordered to pay restitution.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Searcy pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, based upon one complaint alleging that Mr. Searcy improperly held himself out as a licensed lawyer in his representation of an individual before the EEOC. Mr. Searcy was suspended from the practice of law on October 14, 1992, and has never been reinstated. Mr. Searcy entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting to the misconduct.

Mr. Searcy admitted violating Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 7.1 (communications concerning lawyers services) and 8.4 (a) (misconduct).

For these violations, the Tennessee Supreme Court publicly censured Walter T. Searcy. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: WALTER T. SEARCY, BPR #11867**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

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**No. M2017-00814-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2016-2582-5-AJ

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Walter T. Searcy on May 16, 2016; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Searcy on July 26, 2016; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Searcy on March 14, 2017; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on March 16, 2017; upon consideration and approval by the Board on April 6, 2017; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

On October 14, 1992, Mr. Searcy was suspended from the practice of law for five (5) years by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 16 (Docket No. 91-539-5-C). On November 11, 1992, Mr. Searcy was suspended for failing to comply with continuing legal education requirements. To date, Mr. Searcy has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4, Walter T. Searcy is hereby publicly censured, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, Mr. Searcy shall make restitution to Debbie Dowell in the amount of \$1,000.00 no later than ninety (90) days from the date of entry of this Order, and provide evidence of such payment to the Board. In the event

restitution to Ms. Dowell is paid by the Tennessee Lawyers Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Searcy will be responsible for reimbursement to the TLFCP of the same amount.

(b) Failure to make timely payment of restitution shall be deemed a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct and subject Mr. Searcy to further discipline.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Searcy shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$194.55 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, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM