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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN NICHOLS SHELTON, BPR #19592**  
**CONTACT: KEVIN D. BALKWILL**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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October 2, 2017

**FRANKLIN LAWYER CENSURED**

On September 29, 2017, John Nichols Shelton, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Shelton failed to obtain approval from his client before filing pleadings and misrepresented to the court that a document attached to the pleadings had been filed in another court. Mr. Shelton also failed to diligently represent his client's interests and failed to adequately communicate with his client. In mitigation, Mr. Shelton provided a full refund to the client and expressed remorse for his actions.

By these acts, John Nichols Shelton has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2 (scope of representation), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.3 (candor toward tribunal), and 8.4(c) (misconduct), 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 VI  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: JOHN NICHOLS SHELTON, BPR# 19592,  
Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice  
law in Tennessee (Williamson County).

FILE NO. 49461-6-PS

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against John Nichols Shelton, 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 September 8, 2017.

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FOR THE BOARD OF  
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Michael King, Chair

9/29/17

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Date