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## **OVERTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On October 22, 2012, Lynda W. Simmons, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

In agreement with her client's daughter, Ms. Simmons prepared a deed transferring her client's real property to Ms. Simmons' husband, which she did not intend to record unless the client was being improperly influenced. The client executed the deed. Almost one year later, Ms. Simmons recorded the deed. Twelve days later, at the request of the client, Ms. Simmons' husband executed a deed returning the property. Also, Ms. Simmons disclosed confidential information about her client.

By the above acts, Lynda W. Simmons has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.6 (confidential information) and 1.8 (conflict of interest) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

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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