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On November 20, 2007, Byron Ray Simpson, of Nashville, Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility. Simpson was given notice of the Censure and did not request a hearing. On June 15, 2007, the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance (TLAP) Program reported to the Board of Professional Responsibility that Simpson was non-compliant with his TLAP contract. On April 12, 2005, Simpson was reinstated to the practice of law conditioned in part upon Simpson's compliance with his TLAP contract. Simpson subsequently entered into a new monitoring advocacy agreement with TLAP extending his monitoring agreement by two (2) years until May 31, 2010. TLAP further reported that Simpson was currently compliant with his TLAP contract. Simpson's non-compliance with his TLAP contract which was a condition of his reinstatement by the Tennessee Supreme Court violates Rule 8.4(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. This Censure declares Simpson's actions to be unethical but does not limit his right to practice law.

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