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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: EDMUND VICTOR SMITH, BPR #26986
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CHRISTIAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY LAWYER CENSURED

On September 1, 2015, Edmund Victor Smith, of Christian County, Kentucky was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline, and a Supplemental Petition for Discipline, against Mr. Smith pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court. Mr. Smith submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging violations of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (communication); 1.5 (fees); 1.16(d) (6) (declining and terminating representation); and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Mr. Smith did not promptly refund an advance payment of fees after he withdrew from representation. He also failed to enter into a written fee agreement with another client and did not adequately communicate with his clients.

For these violations, the Tennessee Supreme Court publicly censured Edmund Victor Smith. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.