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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: AUNDREAS W. SMITH, BPR #17169
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WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 4, 2018, Aundreas W. Smith of Williamson County, Tennessee, was publicly censured by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. The Court further ordered Ms. Smith to pay restitution to one client, complete an additional three hours of continuing legal education with a focus on management of IOLTA accounts and accounting associated with contingency fee cases, and pay costs and expenses to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

On May 23, 2017, the Board filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Smith. The Petition for Discipline included one (1) complaint of disciplinary misconduct alleging that Ms. Smith took her fee from medical payments issued by her client's insurance company and deposited the medical payment checks into her operating account rather than her IOLTA account. She also failed to provide her client with a written settlement statement.

A hearing panel determined that Ms. Smith violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5(c) (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping property), and 8.4(a) (misconduct). For these violations, the Supreme Court of Tennessee publicly censured Ms. Smith.

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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