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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: C. LEANN SMITH, BPR #018899**  
**CONTACT: EILEEN BURKHALTER SMITH**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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October 22, 2020

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On October 21, 2020, C. LeAnn Smith, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In a custody matter in which she was a party, Ms. Smith lied under oath in a deposition in response to six questions about her use of alcohol in the presence of the child. The subject matter of Ms. Smith's testimony was relevant to the pending custody matter. In mitigation, Ms. Smith's conduct was not done in the representation of a client, and Ms. Smith admitted her conduct under oath in her trial testimony in the same proceeding.

By these acts, C. LeAnn Smith has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty) and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured with the condition that within sixty days, she schedule and complete an assessment with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and follow any recommendation made by TLAP.

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 V  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: C. LEANN SMITH, BPR NO. 018899  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 58897-5-ES

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against C. LeAnn Smith, 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 these matters at its meeting on September 11, 2020.

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By the aforementioned acts, C. LeAnn Smith has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty) and 8.4(d) (prejudice to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured with the condition that within sixty days she schedule and complete an assessment with the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program and follow any recommendation made by TLAP.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Floyd S. Flippin*

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Floyd Flippin, Chair

10-21-20

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Date