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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DONALD EDWIN SPURRELL, BPR #12810
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July 13, 2016

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 12, 2016, Donald Edwin Spurrell, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Spurrell failed to obtain a written agreement signed by his client in a contingent fee matter, collected an unreasonable fee, and failed to supervise a paralegal who commingled trust funds into Mr. Spurrell's operating account on several occasions.

By these acts, Donald Edwin Spurrell has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping property), and 5.3 (responsibilities regarding non-lawyer assistants) and he is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

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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