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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: FRED A. STELTEMEIER, BPR# 5258**  
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**WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On July 24, 2009, Fred A. Steltemeier, licensed in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on June 12, 2009.

Steltemeier represented a client in a child support matter. When the client sold a piece of construction equipment, he directed the buyer to present two checks, one payable to the client and one payable to Steltemeier. The client instructed Steltemeier to safeguard the money for the client's use to pay future child support. Steltemeier cashed the check but failed to place the funds in a trust account for the benefit of the client. On July 11, 2007, the client requested the money and Steltemeier issued a personal check to the client.

By the aforementioned facts, Fred A. Steltemeier has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15(a) (safekeeping property) and is hereby publicly censured for this violation. 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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