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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHRISTI LEIGH THOMPSON, BPR #20308
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LAWRENCE COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 17, 2020, Christi Leigh Thompson, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Thompson, an Assistant District Attorney General, made several inappropriate comments during her opening statement and closing argument in a criminal trial which were clearly impermissible and prejudicial to the defendant. Ms. Thompson's conduct negated the defendant's right to a fair trial and the case was reversed on appeal for prosecutorial misconduct.

By these acts, Christi Leigh Thompson, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.4(e)(3) (fairness to opposing party and counsel) and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to administration of justice), 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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