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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 30, 2012, Robert Joseph Turner, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

Mr. Turner made claims on his website that were not verifiable and were thus misleading. Also, Mr. Turner improperly used the word "specialties" on the website. He also disclosed the occupations of former clients in violation of client confidentiality. In another matter, Mr. Turner sent a written advertisement to a potential client that stated at the bottom of the letter, "Eligible but not certified as a family law specialist by the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization," which was misleading and violates the Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC).

By these acts, Robert Joseph Turner has violated RPC 1.6 (confidentiality), 7.1 (communication concerning a lawyers services), and 7.4 (communication of fields of practice) and 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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IN RE: ROBERT JOSEPH TURNER, BPR NO. 15107 FILE NOS. 34077-5-PS, 34642-5-PS
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

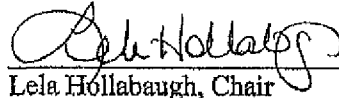
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaints were filed against Robert Joseph Turner, 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 June 22, 2012.

In the first case, the Respondent made claims on his website that violated Rule 7.1 because they were not verifiable and were thus misleading. Also, the Respondent's use of the word "specialties" on the website violated Rule 7.4. The Respondent also disclosed the occupations of former clients in violation of Rule 1.6. In the second case, Respondent violated Rule 7.4(b) by sending a written advertisement to a potential client that stated at the bottom of the letter, "Eligible but not certified as a family law specialist by the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization." The Respondent's statement that he was eligible but not certified was also misleading in violation of Rule 7.1.

By the aforementioned acts, Robert Joseph Turner has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.6 (confidentiality), 7.1 (communication concerning a lawyers services), and 7.4 (communication of fields of practice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
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Lela Hollabaugh, Chair

7-27-2012

Date