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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JEFFREY WILLIAM WARKINS, BPR# 24199
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KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 27, 2011, Jeffrey William Warkins, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board received two overdraft notices pertaining to Mr. Warkins' IOLTA account. In March of 2009, Mr. Warkins deposited client funds for attorney fees for depositions and personal funds into the IOLTA account although no client funds were misused. Mr. Warkins' IOLTA account records revealed that he had utilized his IOLTA account to pay personal expenses. Mr. Warkins acknowledged he deposited personal funds into his IOLTA account to cover these payments.

By the aforementioned acts, Jeffrey William Warkins has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15 (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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