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RE: CHRISTOPHER PAUL WESTMORELAND, BPR #24789
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April 17, 2014

BEDFORD COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 15, 2014, Christopher Paul Westmoreland, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Between March and December 2012 on five separate occasions, Mr. Westmoreland deposited client settlement funds into his operating account instead of his trust account. This resulted in the commingling of client funds with Mr. Westmoreland's funds. In the first instance in March 2012, the client funds remained in Mr. Westmoreland's operating account for more than three months. In each of the other four instances, the client funds remained in his operating account for less than one month.

By these acts, Christopher Paul Westmoreland has violated Rule of Professional Conduct Rule 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds) 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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT IV
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: CHRISTOPHER PAUL WESTMORELAND, BPR NO. 24789 FILE NO. 36679-4-ES
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Bedford County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Christopher Paul Westmoreland, 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 March 14, 2014.

Between March and December 2012 on five separate occasions, Mr. Westmoreland deposited client settlement funds into his operating account instead of his trust account. This resulted in the commingling of client funds with Mr. Westmoreland's funds. In the first instance in March 2012, the client funds remained in Mr. Westmoreland's operating account for more than three months. In each of the other four instances, the client funds remained in his operating account for less than one month.

By the aforementioned acts, Christopher Paul Westmoreland has violated Rule of Professional Conduct Rule 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY


J. Russel Parkes, Chair

Date 3/15/14