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SEVIER COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

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

Following an administration suspension of Mr. Wheatley's license to practice law for failure to comply with CLE requirements, he failed to communicate with his client or take reasonable steps to ensure that the client's interests were protected. Mr. Wheatley did not refund to the client any portion of his fee, which is also a violation.

By these acts, William Lee Wheatley has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16 (terminating representation), 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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