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OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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IN RE: WILLIAM LEE WHEATLEY, BPR NO. 22339  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Sevier County)

FILE NO. 34622-1-PS

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against William Lee Wheatley, 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.

Following the suspension of the Respondent's license to practice law, he failed to communicate with his client or take reasonable steps to ensure that the client's interests were protected, in violation of Rules 1.3, 1.4, and 1.16. Also, the Respondent did not refund any portion of his fee, which constitutes a violation of Rule 1.5.

By the aforementioned 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.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Lela Hollabaugh*  
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Lela Hollabaugh, Chair

*July 25, 2012*  
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Date