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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PAUL G. S. WHETSTONE, BPR# 14523
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January 24, 2012

HAMBLEN COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 20, 2012, Paul G. S. Whetstone of Morristown, Tennessee, was Publicly Censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.4.

Mr. Whetstone was convicted of direct criminal contempt by the Jefferson County General Sessions Court after he interrupted court proceedings, became argumentative with the presiding judge, and failed to take his seat when ordered to do so.

By the aforementioned acts, Paul G. S. Whetstone has violated Rules 3.5(e) (engaging in conduct intended to disrupt a tribunal), and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice) of the Rules of Professional Conduct 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 THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE PAUL G.S. WHETSTONE, BPR #014523
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hamblen County)

No. M2012-00121-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2011-2013-1-RS

FILED
JAN 20 2012
Clerk of the Courts

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility against Paul G.S. Whetstone on February 9, 2011; upon an Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Whetstone on March 3, 2011; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea executed by Mr. Whetstone on November 18, 2011, and filed with the Board on November 28, 2011; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered by the Hearing Panel on December 8, 2011; upon the Board's approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea on December 19, 2011; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and accepts the Conditional Guilty Plea.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that:

1. Paul G.S. Whetstone shall be and is hereby Publicly Censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §4.4.

2. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §24.3, Mr. Whetstone shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$426.69, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

3. The Board shall cause notice of this Public Censure to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §18.10.

I, Michael W. Cabiano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.

This 20 day of Jan, 2012
By: *[Signature]*
CLERK OF COURT

FOR THE COURT:

[Signature]
WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE