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KNOXVILLE LAWYER CENSURED

On October 1, 2008, Steven Lee Williams, of Knoxville, Tennessee, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Williams pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court. Mr. Williams, through counsel, submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging that Mr. Williams continued to practice law while administratively suspended for a period of approximately nine (9) months. On July 11, 2007, Mr. Williams self-reported to the Board of Professional Responsibility that he had been practicing law while administratively suspended.

Mr. Williams' actions violated the Rules of Professional Conduct and for those violations Mr. Williams is publicly censured. A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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