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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JUSTIN GREY WOODWARD, BPR #26709
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## **HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On April 11, 2019, Justin Grey Woodward, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Woodward represented a client in a domestic relations matter. During the representation, Mr. Woodward created a conflict of interest by exchanging sexually explicit text messages and emails with his client. There was a significant risk that Mr. Woodward's personal interests materially limited his representation of the client.

By these acts, Justin Grey Woodward created a concurrent conflict of interest in his representation of this client in violation of Rule 1.7(a)(2) (conflict of interest) 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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