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KINGSTON ATTORNEY CENSURED

On March 26, 2001 Attorney F. Chris Cawood, of Kingston, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility. The Board is the agency that administers attorney discipline in the State of Tennessee. A censure does not affect Mr. Cawood's right to continue to practice law, but it may be used to aggravate any discipline imposed in future cases.

The censure arose after a petition for discipline was filed by Disciplinary Counsel as to Mr. Cawood. A settlement agreement was reached between Mr. Cawood and Disciplinary Counsel. The agreement was approved by both the Board of Professional Responsibility and a Hearing Committee of the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Mr. Cawood was censured for a conflict of interest. The conflict of interest arose as a result of Mr. Cawood's personal relationship with Ms. Tammy Clark, who at the time was one of Mr. Cawood's clients. The Board did not find any indication that the quality of Mr. Cawood representation of Ms. Clark to have been diminished as a result of the conflict.

Specifically Mr. Cawood was found to have violated DR 5-101(A), the rule in the Code of Ethics for Tennessee lawyers that prohibits conflicts of interest. The censure was issued pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

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