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BEDFORD COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On September 8, 2008, Clarence W. Phillips of Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Clarence W. Phillips pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Phillips submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea agreeing to accept a Public Censure. Mr. Phillips violated the Rules of Professional Conduct by soliciting employment from a prospective client who had not initiated contact and with whom he had no prior relationship. His actions violate the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 7.3, Solicitation and Other Communication Directed to Specifically Identified Recipients, and 8.4, Misconduct. Mr. Phillips is required to pay the costs of the disciplinary proceedings.

For these violations, the Supreme Court of Tennessee publicly censures Clarence W. Phillips. 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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