



**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

10 CADILLAC DRIVE, SUITE 220
BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE 37027
TELEPHONE: (615) 361-7500
(800) 486-5714
FAX: (615) 367-2480
E-MAIL: ethics@tbpr.org
Website: www.tbpr.org

RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PAUL DONALD RUSH, BPR# 23865
CONTACT: KRISANN HODGES
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
615-361-7500

January 2, 2014

MCMINN COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On December 27, 2013, Paul Donald Rush, of McMinn County, Tennessee, was publicly censured by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Rush on July 6, 2012 alleging that he committed ethical misconduct in the prosecution of a criminal case. A hearing panel determined that Mr. Rush intentionally solicited a statement from a prosecution witness which had been prohibited by a court order prior to trial. Further, the hearing panel concluded that Mr. Rush failed to report misconduct to the Board of Professional Responsibility as ordered by the trial court.

Mr. Rush's actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 3.4(c), Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel, and 8.4(d), Misconduct.

For these violations, the Tennessee Supreme Court publicly censured Mr. Rush. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the lawyer, but does not affect the lawyer's ability to practice law.

Rush 2136-3 rel.doc

PLEASE NOTE

YOU MAY SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE INFORMATIONAL RELEASES, FORMAL ETHICS OPINIONS, NEWSLETTERS AND ANNUAL REPORTS ELECTRONICALLY BY SIGNING IN AT THE BOARD'S WEBSITE

www.tbpr.org/Subscriptions