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Public censure on February 12, 1996. He represented a client in a criminal case in 1980. At the client's trial, he did not voir dire the jury, did not present any proof, did not cross-examine any witnesses, and did not argue to the jury. The client was convicted and given the maximum sentence on all counts. The Sixth Circuit Court found Gobble to have provided ineffective assistance of counsel to his client. In addition, Gobble misled Disciplinary Counsel about whether the client had subsequently retained him to file a habeas corpus petition.