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## TRAUGHBER, JAMES K.

**BPR # 004013** 

<u>December 18, 1978</u> <u>County:Robertson</u> <u>District:6</u>

Suspended for one (1) year, plus an indefinite period thereafter, by order entered December 18, 1978. He was employed and paid a retainer fee in a divorce matter and only appeared one time at a pendente lite child support hearing. Thereafter, the client was unable to locate him and his office was constantly closed. In another matter, he appeared in court on behalf of a client when he had obviously been drinking. He further failed to make court appearances when at least two clients were arraigned on criminal cases. He also failed to appear and comply with a show cause order and to explain his fee as disclosed on his statement of attorney for a client in a bankruptcy matter. He failed to respond to the petition filed by the Board, did not appear at the hearing on the matter and a default judgment was entered.



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