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County: Shelby

District: 9

Public censure on August 25, 1997. He agreed to represent a client in September 1992 on a slip and fall case, but did nothing on the case until March 1995 after receiving the defendant's answer which was 2 years overdue. He did not discuss with his client that there was insufficient proof and that her claim could not be made without the proof; but, instead, took a voluntary dismissal for failure to prosecute in May 1996. He did not inform his client of the non-suit until 10 months later. He then re-filed the suit in February 1997 without gaining any additional evidence.