

## BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY of the SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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## KOOPERMAN, MARTIN ALLEN

**BPR # 009524** 

April 10, 1989 <u>County: Davidson</u> <u>District: 5</u>

Public censure on April 10, 1989. The censure was based on three separate complaints. In one matter, he was hired to handle an adoption but neglected the case and a disciplinary complaint was filed against him. He failed to cooperate with the investigation by failing to timely answer several letters of inquiry from the Board; and failed to turn over the file for several weeks after his client employed different counsel. In another matter, he was hired to represent a client injured in an automobile accident. He failed to keep his client informed of the status of the case, nor did he return his client's phone calls. After a complaint was filed, he failed to timely answer until a Notice of Petition for Summary Suspension was filed. In the third matter, He was hired to file suit in a consumer affair's case. He drew up a complaint which required extensive revisions. The revised complaint was filed in Court but was not in compliance with Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedures, allowing 30 days for Kooperman to file an amended complaint. The amended complaint was not filed and he failed to adequately communicate with his client or keep him apprised of the status of his case. In this matter he again failed to timely respond to letters from the Board.



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