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GREENEVILLE ATTORNEY CENSURED

On January 26, 2004, the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censured Lawrence A. Welch, Jr., of Greeneville, Tennessee. Welch was given notice of the censure and did not request a hearing. A client consulted with Welch regarding a legal malpractice case but then Welch failed to return to the client his file. Disciplinary Counsel for the Board wrote Welch four letters requesting Welch to provide the Board of Professional Responsibility with a copy of the client's file so that the file could be forwarded to the client. Welch failed to respond to Disciplinary Counsel's letters and failed to provide either the client or the Board with the client's file. Welch's failure to provide his client with his file and failure to respond to the Board's request that Welch turn over the file violates DR 1-102(A)(1)(5) and (6); DR 2-110(A)(3), and DR 9-102(B)(4) of the Code of Professional Responsibility. The Board of Professional Responsibility of Tennessee publicly censures Welch and declares Welch's actions to be improper conduct.

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