

IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT IX  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: LENAL ANDERSON, BPR NO. 5376  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 31341-9-TH

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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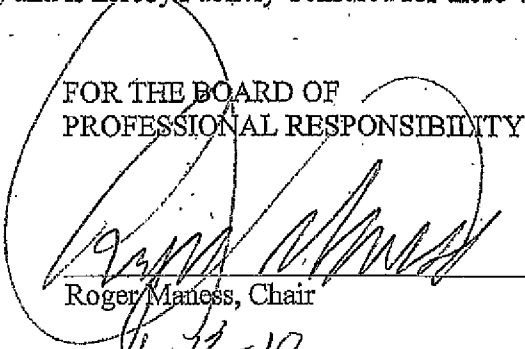
The above complaint was filed against Lenal Anderson, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December 11, 2009.

Respondent agreed to represent Complainant concerning a slip and fall in May, 2003 while at a McDonald's restaurant in Martinique, a Caribbean Island. At first, Respondent thought that the restaurant was owned by the corporation located in the U.S. When he found out that suit would have to be filed in Martinique, Respondent waited until May 1, 2008, to attempt to locate a Martinique lawyer to assist him with Complainant's case. Suit was never filed. It is unclear as to whether the statute of limitations had actually run, but Respondent informed Complainant that the statute ran on May 5, 2008.

Respondent has violated RPC 1.3 and 1.4 by failing to diligently pursue Complainant's litigation. Respondent failed to keep Complainant informed about the status of the matter. Respondent waited several years before even attempting to join with a lawyer in Martinique to actually file suit.

By the aforementioned facts, Lenal Anderson has violated Rule of Professional Conduct  
1.3 (diligence) and 1.4 (communication) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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Roger Maness, Chair

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