



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

IN RE: JOHN ANDERSON, BPR NO. 12367
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Hawkins County)

FILE NO. 31982-1-PS

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against John 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 March 12, 2010.

The Respondent represented the Complainant in three separate matters – a personal injury case after the Complainant was injured by a lawnmower; a property case after a gas pump malfunctioned; and a dispute with the company that installed the Complainant's security system. Although the Respondent represented the Complainant for approximately three years, virtually no progress was made in any of the cases, even though Respondent assured the Complainant he was working on them. The Respondent often did not return the Complainant's telephone calls or otherwise communicate with the Complainant, so the Complainant was uninformed regarding the status of the cases and ultimately was forced to hire new counsel.

The Respondent states that he was dealing with personal problems during this time, and that he did not effectively communicate with the Complainant regarding the status of the cases.

By the aforementioned facts, John 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



Roger Matless, Chair

14-14-10
Date