



**IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VI
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

**IN RE: WILLIAM C. BARNES, JR.,
BPR #11399, Respondent,
An Attorney Licensed to
Practice Law in Tennessee
(Maury County)**

File No. 27035-6-sg

PUBLIC CENSURE

The Complainant retained the Respondent to file the Complainant's personal injury case arising from an incident occurring on March 1, 2002. On February 28, 2003, the Respondent filed a complaint in the Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee styled Desilvio v. Zanies Comedy Show Place. Complainant states that upon receiving the Respondent's filed complaint against Zanies, the Complainant advised the Respondent that he had sued the wrong defendant. The Complainant complains the Respondent failed to accept or return his calls. On April 10, 2003, the Respondent filed an amended complaint styled Desilvio v. Zanimak. On June 30, 2003, the Respondent filed a second amended complaint styled DeSilvio v. Jesse Zanes. By letter dated November 26, 2003, the Respondent advised the Complainant that the Respondent had lost the Complainant's right to proceed with the lawsuit because of the "mix-up in the information pertaining to the name." The Respondent's actions

and inactions violate Rules 1.1; 1.3; 1.4 and 8.4 of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct and for this conduct the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censures the Respondent.

Charles E. Carpenter

Charles E. Carpenter, Chairman
Board of Professional Responsibility
of the Supreme Court of Tennessee

DATE: August 12, 2004