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COLUMBIA ATTORNEY PUBLICLY CENSURED

Columbia attorney William C. Barnes, Jr. was censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility October 18, 2004 for neglecting his client's legal matter and failing to adequately communicate with his client. The client's case was dismissed by order entered May 5, 2003 for failure to prosecute. Barnes failed to advise his client of this dismissal.

Barnes violated Rules 1.3, 1.4 and 8.4(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. The imposition of this censure declares Barnes' actions to be improper ethical conduct, but does not limit his right to practice law.

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