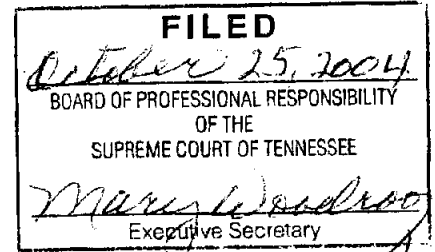


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**IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VI  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

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

**FILE NO. 27214-6-sg**

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A complaint was filed against William C. Barnes, Jr. of Columbia, Tennessee.

The Board of Professional Responsibility has determined that Mr. Barnes should be censured for the ethical violations delineated in the complaint as summarized below:

Respondent neglected his client's legal matter and failed to adequately communicate with his client. The client's case was dismissed by Order entered May 5, 2003 for failure to prosecute. Respondent failed to advise his client of this dismissal.

By these acts and omissions Respondent violated Rules 1.3; 1.4; and 8.4(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. Respondent is hereby **censured** for these violations.

*Charles E. Carpenter*

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

DATE: *October 18, 2004*