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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: STANLEY R. BARNETT, BPR # 17870
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BLOUNT COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On December 12, 2012, Stanley R. Barnett, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Barnett was appointed to represent his client in a criminal trial. After his client was convicted, Mr. Barnett failed to file a Motion for New Trial. This failure resulted in the waiver of all issues for appeal except the sufficiency of the evidence and sentencing. Mr. Barnett's client filed a *pro se* Notice of Appeal. Mr. Barnett then filed an appellate brief which raised issues that had been waived and which did not raise the issue of the sufficiency of the evidence. Mr. Barnett did not consult with his client prior to filing the appellate brief.

By these acts, Stanley R. Barnett has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), and 1.16 (terminating representation), and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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