



BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
of the
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

1101 KERMIT DRIVE, SUITE 730
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37217
TELEPHONE: (615) 361-7500
(800) 486-5714
FAX: (615) 367-2480
E-MAIL: ethics@tbpr.org
Website: www.tbpr.org

RELEASE OF INFORMATION
W. ALLEN BARRETT, BPR # 10894
CONTACT: SANDY GARRETT
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
615-361-7500

February 21, 2007

NASHVILLE ATTORNEY CENSURED

On February 9, 2007, the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censured attorney W. Allen Barrett. Barrett was given notice of the censure and did not request a hearing.

A client retained Barrett to handle a child support case. Barrett appeared on behalf of the client at a hearing on June 23, 2005 at which time the Court ruled that the client was entitled to an upward deviation of child support. The client states when she did not receive her increased child support, she began leaving messages for Barrett which Barrett failed to return. Barrett admits failing to timely file an Order in this case. After the client filed the complaint with the Board of Professional Responsibility, Barrett submitted an Order reflecting the client's increased child support which was entered October 31, 2006. Barrett's neglect to insure that an Order was entered reflecting his client's increased child support and Barrett's failure to be responsive to his client's inquiries violates Rules 1.3; 1.4; 3.2 and 8.4(a)(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. The censure declares Barrett's actions to be improper ethical conduct, but does not restrict Barrett's right to practice law.

Barrett 29492c-5 rel.doc

PLEASE NOTE

**YOU MAY SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE INFORMATIONAL RELEASES, FORMAL ETHICS
OPINIONS, NEWSLETTERS AND ANNUAL REPORTS ELECTRONICALLY BY SIGNING IN AT THE
BOARD'S WEBSITE**

www.tbpr.org/Subscriptions

