

IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V OF THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE:

W. ALLEN BARRETT, BPR #10894

FILE NO. 29492c-5-SG

Respondent, An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee (Davidson County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

The Complainant retained the Respondent to handle a child support case. The Respondent appeared on behalf of the Complainant at a hearing on June 23, 2005, at which time the court ruled that the Complainant was entitled to an upward deviation for child support. The Complainant states when she did not receive her increased child support, she began leaving messages for the Respondent which the Respondent failed to return. The Respondent admits not timely filing an Order from this June 23, 2005 hearing. After this complaint was filed, the Respondent submitted an Order which was entered October 31, 2006 (i.e., more than one year after the hearing).

The Respondent's neglect to insure that an Order was entered reflecting the Complainant's increased child support and the Respondent'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.

It is therefore **ORDERED** by the Board of Professional Responsibility that the Respondent is issued a Public Censure.

FOR THE BOARD:

W. Ferber Tracy, Chairman

Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee

DATE: 2/9/07