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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES G. BLACKARD, III, BPR #9899
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BRENTWOOD TENNESSEE ATTORNEY CENSURED

Charles G. Blackard, III, a Brentwood, Tennessee, attorney was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on February 22, 2007. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's right to practice law.

Respondent represented a client in a domestic relations case for more than two (2) years. Complainant was unable to communicate with Blackard by telephone or mail. After respondent withdrew, the client and disciplinary counsel made numerous unsuccessful requests to retrieve the client's file.

In another domestic relations matter, the complainant was unable to communicate with Blackard for long periods of time. The complainant lived in a distant state and traveled to Tennessee for a hearing. Complainant stated that Blackard was unprepared at the hearing and that he failed to issue subpoena witnesses requested by the client. Respondent failed to respond to four (4) written requests by disciplinary counsel for a response to the disciplinary complaint.

Respondent violated RPC 1.1 [competent representation], RPC 1.3 [diligence and promptness], RPC 1.4 [client communication], RPC 1.16(d) [duties on termination by client], and RPC 8.4(d) [conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.]

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