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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: TONY N. BRAYTON, BPR #13725**  
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**MEMPHIS LAWYER CENSURED**

On January 14, 2009, Tony N. Brayton, of Memphis, Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility.

The Respondent was appointed to represent the Complainant on appeal of a conviction for voluntary manslaughter. The Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the conviction by opinion filed October 3, 2007. The Respondent did not notify the Complainant of the appellate decision. The Complainant, therefore, did not timely file a request for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court. The Respondent did not respond to the complaint of misconduct and was temporarily suspended from the practice of law by order of the Supreme Court dated August 6, 2008, for failure to respond. The temporary suspension was dissolved by order of the Supreme Court dated September 5, 2008.

In a second case, the Respondent was appointed to represent the Complainant on appeal of a conviction for first degree murder. The Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the conviction by opinion filed May 30, 2007. The Respondent did not notify the Complainant of the appellate decision. The Complainant, therefore, did not timely file a request for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court.

For these violations the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censures Tony N. Brayton. A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

Brayton – 31280c-9-JV; 31182c-9-JV

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