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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: SPENCE R. BRUNER, REG. NO. 19056**  
**CONTACT: THERESA M. COSTONIS**  
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September 12, 2005

**KINGSTON LAWYER CENSURED**

Spence R. Bruner, a Kingston attorney, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility on September 9, 2005.

In File No. 26921c-2-tc, Mr. Bruner failed to provide Complainant with timely notice of the resolution of his appeal before the Court of Criminal Appeals and violated Supreme Court Rule 14 by failing to file a timely motion to withdraw from Complainant's case.

In File No. 27359-2-tc, Mr. Bruner made a unilateral decision not to cross-examine an adverse witness without consulting his client, and failed to pursue appeals desired by his client when he had not been relieved by the court from his representation of his client, in violation of Supreme Court Rules 13(e)(5) and 14.

In File No. 27613-2-tc, Mr. Bruner failed to adequately respond to his clients' requests for information, failed to take requested and necessary action on their case, and failed to appear at a hearing, sending his secretary to notify the court and his clients that he was ill and could not be there, to the court's displeasure.

In several instances in investigation of these complaints, Mr. Bruner did not respond to additional requests for information from Disciplinary Counsel.

By the aforementioned facts, Spence Roberts Bruner has violated Rules 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.16, 3.2, 3.4(c), 8.1(b), and 8.4(a)(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and is hereby Publicly Censured for that violation.

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