

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

IN RE: CHARLES A. CARPENTER, BPR NO. 16429
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Blount County)

FILE NO. 32013c-2-JV

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Charles A. Carpenter, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on March 12, 2010.

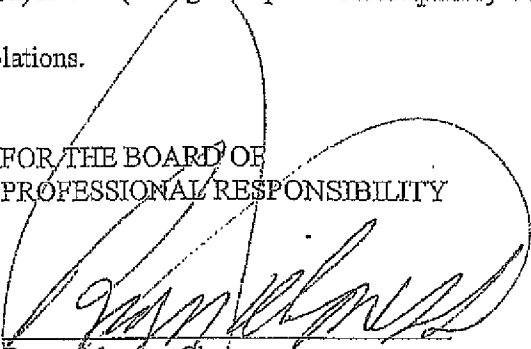
In June 2008, Complainant retained Respondent to represent him in an assault case. Complainant did not appear for a court hearing in November 2008. After some research, Respondent was able to locate Complainant incarcerated in Georgia. Respondent placed Complainant's matter on the April 8, 2009, docket for a preliminary hearing, filed a transportation order and informed Complainant of same. However, Complainant was not transported to the April 8th hearing. Since that time, Respondent has failed to communicate with Complainant, who hasn't been informed of court dates or the status of his case. Complainant had court dates set for September 28 and October 26, 2009, but he did not appear. The court file does not contain orders for Complainant to be transported from the Georgia jail to Blount County for those hearings. A warrant was issued after Complainant failed to appear for the October hearing.

Respondent failed to respond to Complainant's allegations that he failed to communicate

with him and keep him informed of the status of his case, and that he failed to file transportation orders. Respondent failed to respond to Disciplinary Counsel's requests for additional information.

By the aforementioned facts, Charles A. Carpenter, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.4 (communication) and 8.1 (failing to respond to Disciplinary Counsel) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Roger Maness, Chair

4/7/10
Date