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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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MARYVILLE LAWYER CENSURED

On April 15, 2010, Charles A. Carpenter, a Tennessee attorney, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Carpenter failed to communicate with his client regarding the status of the client's criminal case. In addition, the client had court dates set for September and October 2009, but he did not appear because Mr. Carpenter failed to file orders for the client to be transported for those hearings. A warrant was issued after the client failed to appear for the October hearing. Mr. Carpenter failed to respond to the Board's requests for additional information.

Mr. Carpenter's actions 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 those violations.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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