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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHARLES A. CARPENTER, BPR# 16429**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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April 15, 2010

**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.

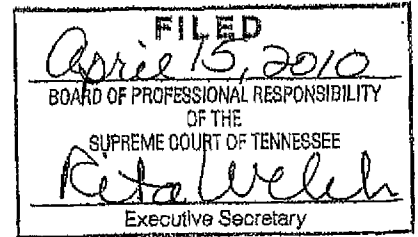
A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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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

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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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.

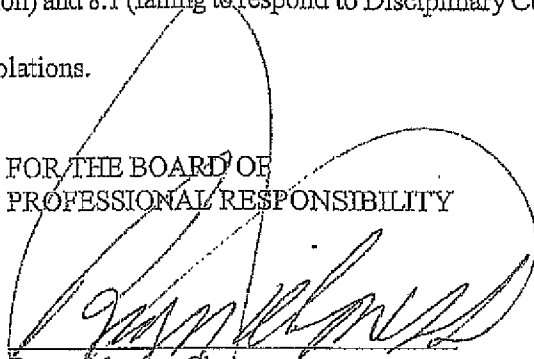
In June 2008, Complainant retained Respondent to represent him in an assault case. Complainant did not appear for a court hearing in November 2008. After some research, Respondent was able to locate Complainant incarcerated in Georgia. Respondent placed Complainant's matter on the April 8, 2009, docket for a preliminary hearing, filed a transportation order and informed Complainant of same. However, Complainant was not transported to the April 8<sup>th</sup> 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