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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHARLES ALPHONSO CARPENTER, BPR #16429**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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April 17, 2017

**BLOUNT COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On April 11, 2017, Charles Alphonso Carpenter, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In two separate matters, Mr. Carpenter neglected his clients' cases. Mr. Carpenter frequently failed to respond to calls, emails, and text messages from his clients, and in one instance, he changed office locations without notifying the client, resulting in a year of no communication. Mr. Carpenter also failed to appear for court hearings and depositions. Mr. Carpenter has demonstrated a pattern of neglect in violation of the Rules.

By these acts, Charles Alphonso Carpenter has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence) and 1.4 (communication) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

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 Alphonso Carpenter, #16429  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Blount County)

FILE NOS. 44922-2-PS, 45910-2-PS

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Charles Alphonso Carpenter, #16429, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on March 10, 2017.

In both of these matters, the Respondent neglected his clients' cases. The Respondent failed to respond to calls, emails, and text messages from his clients, and in one instance, he changed office locations without notifying the client, resulting in a year of no communication. The Respondent also failed to appear for court hearings and depositions. Although the Respondent has offered explanations for his repeated failure to appear, the frequency of the missed appearances constitutes misconduct.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Carpenter has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence) and 1.4 (communication) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
Michael King, Chair

Date

4/11/2017