

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

PUBLIC CENSURE

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