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TULLAHOMA LAWYER CENSURED

On April 28, 2011, Robert Thomas Carter, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Carter appealed a client's sentence in a criminal case. The Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the client's sentence based upon Mr. Carter's failure to include the sentencing hearing transcript. Mr. Carter failed to advise his client of the necessity of having a court reporter present for the sentencing hearing. Mr. Carter's actions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication) and 8.4 (misconduct).

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