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MEMPHIS ATTORNEY CENSURED

On January 12, 2007, David E. Caywood of Memphis, Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility based upon three (3) complaints. Caywood was given notice of the Censure and did not request a hearing.

The first complaint concerned Caywood's representation of a client in a child support case. Caywood began representing the client in July, 2003 but still has not finalized the client's case. Caywood infrequently returns the client's calls. In mitigation, Caywood states delays with the case have been a result of Caywood's and his wife's health problems. Caywood's neglect of the client's case and his failure to communicate with the client violates Rules 1.3; 1.4 and 8.4(a)(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

In a second complaint filed against Caywood, the client retained Caywood in November, 2003, regarding a child support matter. A hearing was held on June 23, 2004. This June 23, 2004 hearing was postponed at the end of the second day and has never been reset. Caywood cites as explanation and mitigation Caywood's and his wife's health problems. Caywood's neglect of the client's case and his failure to respond to the client's inquiries violated Rules 1.3; 1.4 and 8.4(a)(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

In a third complaint, the client retained Caywood to represent her in her divorce. Since January 4, 1999, Caywood has neglected to finalize a Qualified Domestic Relations Order for the client. In mitigation, Caywood cites to his and his wife's health problems. Caywood's neglect and failure to communicate with this client violates Rules 1.3; 1.4 and 8.4(a)(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

This Censure declares Caywood's actions to be improper but does not limit Caywood's right to practice law.

Caywood 29462-29503-29491 – 9 rel doc.

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