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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN JAY CLARK, BPR #24360**  
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July 20, 2011

**NASHVILLE LAWYER CENSURED**

On July 20, 2011, John Jay Clark, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In separate cases, Mr. Clark did not diligently pursue the client's cause of action, signed an incorrect agreed order which resulted in increased payments of temporary support, acknowledged that in 2010 he neglected his duties as an attorney and failed to communicate effectively, permitted the statute of limitations on a workers' compensation case to lapse, failed in communication with a client resulting in delay in the client's release from custody, and was not diligent in concluding a divorce.

By his actions, John Jay Clark, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct RPC 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees) and 3.2 (expediting litigation). For these violations, the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censures John Jay Clark. 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 RE: JOHN JAY CLARK, BPR NO. 24360  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee

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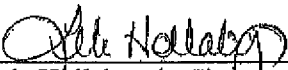
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The above complaints were filed against John Jay Clark, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered this matter at its meeting on June 10, 2011.

In separate cases, the Respondent did not diligently pursue the client's cause of action, signed an incorrect agreed order which resulted in increased payments of temporary support, acknowledged that in 2010 he neglected his duties as an attorney and failed to communicate effectively, permitted the statute of limitations on a workers' compensation case to lapse, failed in communication with this client resulting in delay in the client's release from custody, and was not diligent in concluding a divorce.

By the aforementioned facts, John Jay Clark, has violated Rule of Professional Conduct RPC 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and 3.2 and is hereby Publically Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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Lela Hollabaugh, Chair

Date July 18, 2011