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NASHVILLE ATTORNEY CENSURED

On July 24, 2007, Terry R. Clayton of Nashville, Tennessee received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility based upon two (2) complaints. Clayton was given notice of the censure and did not request a hearing.

In the first complaint, the client retained Clayton for representation in her personal injury case. The client complains that Clayton failed to keep her informed and failed to respond to the client's request for information. Clayton allowed the client's case to be dismissed without prejudice for failure to appear. The client learned of this dismissal from defense counsel and not from Clayton. In mitigation, Clayton did file a Motion to Set Aside the Dismissal in his client's case.

In the second complaint, Clayton represented a client in a divorce. In that divorce, an Order was entered dismissing the case for lack of prosecution. Clayton did not advise the client of this dismissal until approximately six (6) months after the case was dismissed when the client went by Clayton's office. Clayton's neglect and failure to communicate with his clients violates Rules 1.3; 1.4; 3.2 and 8.4(a)(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct and for these violations the Board publicly censures Clayton.

A censure declares Clayton's actions to be unethical but does not limit Clayton's right to practice law.

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