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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CYNTHIA DAVIS, BPR # 17325
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CROSSVILLE LAWYER CENSURED

On April 16, 2010, Cynthia Davis, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In January, 2008, Ms. Davis was retained to defend a divorce action. Over a five-month period, Ms. Davis failed to file any responsive pleadings or send out any correspondence on behalf of her client. During that period, opposing counsel filed a Motion for Default and threatened to proceed with a hearing unless an Answer was filed in the case. Ms. Davis failed to timely notify her client of opposing counsel's Motion for Default. Ms. Davis eventually filed responsive pleadings on behalf of her client, in May, 2008, but her delay in doing so led to her termination. Ms. Davis' lack of diligence was prejudicial to her client who was in need of temporary support from her husband.

By her actions, Cynthia Davis has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication) and 3.2 (expediting litigation). For this violation, the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censures Cynthia Davis. 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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