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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CYNTHIA DAVIS, BPR # 17325
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April 16, 2010

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.

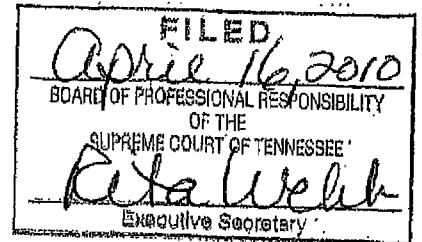
By her actions, Cynthia Davis has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication) and 3.2 (expediting litigation). For this violation, the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censures Cynthia Davis. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT IV
OF THE
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OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: CYNTHIA DAVIS BPR NO. 17325
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Cumberland County)

FILE NO. 31552-4-KB

PUBLIC CENSURE

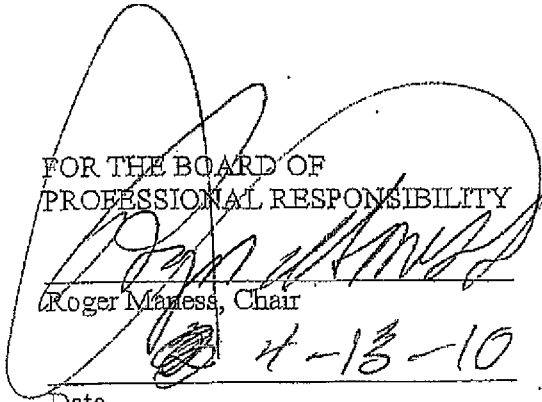
The above complaint was filed against Cynthia Davis, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered this matter at its meeting on March 12, 2010.

Complainant paid Respondent a \$3,000.00 retainer fee for representation in a contested divorce case. Respondent immediately filed a Notice of Appearance and provided a copy to opposing counsel. Over the course of the next five (5) months, Respondent failed to file any pleadings or send out any correspondence on behalf of Complainant. On or about March 15, 2008, Respondent received notice from opposing counsel that a Motion for Default had been filed for failure to file an Answer to the Complaint. Respondent failed to notify Complainant regarding the Motion for Default for nearly two months. In an effort to avoid an adverse Default Judgment, Respondent filed an Answer, Counter-Complaint, Proposed Parenting Plan, and Motions on behalf of Complainant on May 23, 2008. Complainant subsequently terminated the attorney-client relationship and sought other counsel for representation.

By the aforementioned facts, Cynthia Davis, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct

1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), and 3.2 (Expediting Litigation), and is hereby Publically
Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Roger Maness, Chair

Date

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