

**IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT II
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

**IN RE: AUBREY L. DAVIS, 15174,
 Respondent. An Attorney Licensed
 to Practice Law in Tennessee
 (Knox County)**

FILE NO. 29694-2(K)-TC

PUBLIC CENSURE


On March 17, 2008, the Board of Professional Responsibility issued a Public Censure as to Respondent Aubrey L. Davis, who practices law in Knoxville. The Censure was based on a complaint filed as to him.

In representing a criminal defendant on appeal, the Respondent failed to timely file the appellate brief, and failed to file within an extension of time granted by the Court of Criminal Appeals. Ordered to show cause, the Respondent assured the court that he would file a brief within a second extended period, but failed to do so and failed to communicate with the Court. The court found Respondent to have been "grossly negligent in the performance of his duties to his client and to this court," and "in willful contempt of this court." The Respondent was then relieved as counsel and replaced by another lawyer. The Respondent also completely failed to respond to the complaint or to communicate with Disciplinary Counsel until he was temporarily suspended under Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3.

Respondent thereby violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 and 8.4. He is hereby censured for these violations. This Censure does not prevent the Respondent from continuing to practice law.

This the 21st day of April, 2008.

FOR THE BOARD:



Thomas Stratton Scott, Jr., Esq.
Chairman

DATED: 4/21/08