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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES DEAS, BPR #2049
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BLOUNT COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On November 2, 2009, Charles Deas, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

On August 24, 2007, Deas was retained to represent a client who was unavailable to appear in court on August 27, 2007, for a juvenile matter. Deas placed a handwritten note in the Juvenile Court file and contacted opposing counsel to indicate his representation in the matter. Deas requested that the matter be continued, but opposing counsel was not in agreement. On the morning of August 27, 2007, Deas was detained in another court and advised the Juvenile Court staff of his delay. The Juvenile Court made a ruling adverse to Deas' client in his absence. Deas immediately filed a Motion to Set Aside the ruling of the Juvenile Court. Deas attempted to obtain hearing dates from opposing counsel on more than one occasion but was unsuccessful. Deas failed to act diligently in setting the hearing date for the Motion to Set Aside, which was not heard until February 2, 2009.

By the aforementioned facts, Charles Deas violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), and is hereby Publicly Censured for the violation.

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