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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: VICTORIA L. DiBONAVENTURA, BPR #13770**  
**CONTACT: CHARLES A. HIGH, DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL**  
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August 16, 2006

**BUCHANAN TENNESSEE ATTORNEY CENSURED**

Victoria L. DiBonaventura, respondent, a Buchanan, Tennessee attorney, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on August 15, 2006. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's right to practice law.

Respondent received \$1,000.00 to represent a client in a child support matter filed in Henry County, Tennessee. The client gave respondent receipts for payment of child support, correspondence and court papers.

Respondent never filed anything in the court and never entered an appearance. The client had difficulty reaching respondent and his telephone calls were not returned. The client terminated respondent as his attorney and requested his file documents be returned. When the file was not returned the client filed the disciplinary complaint. The client also requested a return of unearned fees.

After the disciplinary complaint was filed, respondent returned the file documents but made no refund of fees. In mitigation, respondent's spouse was ill during this period and she had responsibilities for his care.

Respondent violated RPC 1.1 [competent representation], RPC 1.3 [diligence and promptness], RPC 1.4 [client communication], RPC 1.16(d) [duties upon withdrawal], and 8.4(d) [conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice]. Respondent is censured for these violations.

The Rules of Professional Conduct are mandatory for all attorneys. They state a minimum level of conduct and any violation reflects negatively on the standing and integrity of the bar.

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