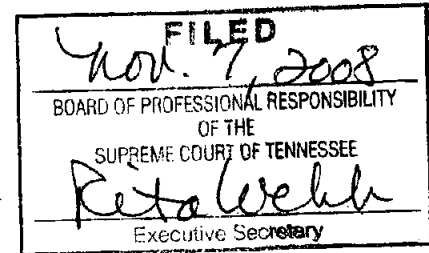


**IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VII  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**



**IN RE: VICTORIA L. DiBONAVENTURA, 13770, FILE NO. 29666c-7-CH**  
**Respondent, an Attorney Licensed**  
**to Practice Law in Tennessee**  
**(Henry County).**

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**PUBLIC CENSURE**

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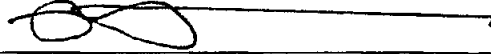
On September 12, 2008, the Board of Professional Responsibility approved a Public Censure of Respondent Victoria L. DiBonaventura, who practices law in Buchanan. The Censure was based on a complaint filed by a client.

Respondent represented the Complainant in defending against petitions brought by the Department of Children's Services. At a hearing, Respondent moved for a continuance on the ground that a doctor's deposition was necessary. The court granted the continuance. Respondent then advised Complainant that because Complainant could not afford the deposition Respondent would withdraw and ask the court to appoint a new lawyer. More than a year passed without Respondent either taking the deposition or filing a motion to withdraw from representing Complainant and to request appointment of a new lawyer.

Respondent's conduct thereby violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence and promptness) and 1.16(d) (upon termination of representation, taking steps reasonably practicable to protect the client's interests). She is hereby censured for those violations. This Censure does

not prevent the Respondent from continuing to practice law.

**FOR THE BOARD:**



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Thomas Stratton Scott, Jr., Esq.  
Chairman

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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