

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

IN RE: Thomas Francis Dilustro, BPR NO. 18624,
Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice
Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

FILE NOS. 35585-2-AW
35752c-2-RW

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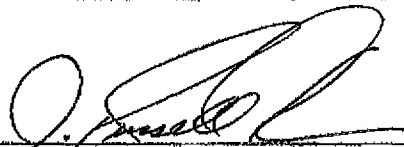
The above complaints were filed against Thomas Francis Dilustro, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December 6, 2013.

In the first case, Mr. Dilustro accepted fees to represent a client in her divorce but failed to file executed divorce pleadings which were given to Mr. Dilustro by his client. Mr. Dilustro failed to communicate with his client and later deceived his client into believing that he had filed her divorce when he had not. Mr. Dilustro constructively withdrew from representation of his client without returning unearned fees to her and failed to respond to requests for information from the Board of Professional Responsibility.

In the second case, Mr. Dilustro was appointed to represent a client in a criminal matter. Mr. Dilustro failed to adequately communicate with his client regarding his appeal and failed to turn over his client's file upon request. Mr. Dilustro also failed to respond to requests for information from the Board of Professional Responsibility.

By the aforementioned acts, Thomas Francis Dilustro, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16 (terminating representation), 8.1(b) (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4(a), (c) and (d) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



J. Russell Parkes, Chair

Date

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