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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: THOMAS FRANCIS DiLUSTRO, BPR #18624
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KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 13, 2014, Thomas Francis DiLustro, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

In one case, Mr. DiLustro accepted fees from a client without performing any legal work in the case and deceived his client into believing that a civil action had been filed when it had not. Mr. DiLustro constructively withdrew from the case without returning unearned fees to the client. In another case, Mr. DiLustro failed to turn over his client's file upon request at the conclusion of the representation. In both instances, Mr. DiLustro failed to adequately communicate with his clients and failed to respond to requests for information from the Board of Professional Responsibility.

By these 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.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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