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

FILE NOS. 35585-2-AW
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PUBLIC CENSURE

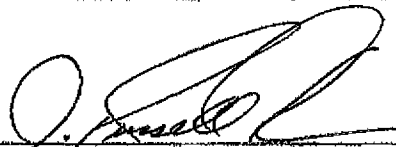
The above complaints were filed against Thomas Francis Dilustro, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December 6, 2013.

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

1/13/14