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RE: KAREN MARTIN DOYLE, BPR NO. 18497
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COOKEVILLE LAWYER CENSURED

Karen Martin Doyle, a Cookeville attorney, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on October 7, 2003. Ms. Doyle was held in contempt by a Circuit Court in Kentucky in her personal divorce litigation for failing to comply with an order of the court to produce documents and was, as a consequence, summarily suspended by the Supreme Court of Tennessee on April 29, 2003, pursuant to Section 31 of Supreme Court Rule 9. The summary suspension was dissolved on May 6, 2003, upon Ms. Doyle's compliance with the Kentucky court's order. Further, Ms. Doyle filed an action on her own behalf in Tennessee for collection of child support on the basis of an order issued by the Kentucky court which was no longer effective, and participated in presenting a criminal charge against her ex-husband to gain an advantage in the civil litigation. All such conduct was committed in the context of Ms. Doyle's contentious divorce proceedings pending in the State of Kentucky.

Ms. Doyle's conduct was in violation of DR 7-102(A)(1)(2), DR 7-102(A)(1)(2), DR 7-105(A), and DR 7-106(A)(B)(7) of the Code of Professional Responsibility.

A Public Censure is a form of public discipline which declares the conduct of the lawyer improper, but does not limit the lawyer's right to practice law.