IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT III
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Mary & Oodkoog
Executive Secretary

IN RE:

CHARLES PATRICK DUPREE,

BPR No. 2177

FILE NO. 29455-3(C)-JV

## **PUBLIC CENSURE**

The above complaint was filed against Charles Patrick Dupree, 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 June 15, 2006.

The Respondent represented the Complainant in a post-divorce petition for child support arrearage and modification of child support. The parties agreed that the child support would be reduced. The Complainant paid the reduced support for the following sixteen years. The adversary filed a Motion for Contempt alleging that the Complainant had not paid sufficient support. An order reducing the Complainant's child support had never been filed. Because the order reducing child support had not been entered, the court entered judgment against the Respondent's former client in an amount in excess of \$20,000.00. It was the Respondent's responsibility to protect his client's interest by ensuring that the order reducing the child support was properly entered.

By the aforementioned facts, Charles Patrick Dupree has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 and 1.3 and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

V. Ferber Tracy, Chair

Date