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NASHVILLE ATTORNEY CENSURED

On November 13, 2007, James Todd Faulkner, of Nashville, Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility. Faulkner was given notice of the Censure and did not request a hearing. Faulkner represented a client in her divorce. The client complained to the Board that Faulkner failed to seek or obtain the client's name change; failed to complete a Qualified Domestic Relations Order and failed to file a Counter-Complaint. In his response to the Board, Faulkner denied the client requested a name change; stated it was Faulkner's recollection that opposing counsel was going to prepare the Qualified Domestic Relations Order and further Faulkner advised the Board that he filed a Counter-Complaint on behalf of the client. The client did request a name change; the Order reflected Faulkner was to prepare the QDRO and Faulkner actually did not file a Counter-Complaint. Faulkner's misstatements to his client and the Board violates Rules 1.4; 8.4(c)(d) and 8.1(b) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. Faulkner's failure to address his client's name change and failure to complete the QDRO violates Rule 1.3.

The Censure declares Faulkner's actions to be improper ethical conduct but does not limit his right to practice law.

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