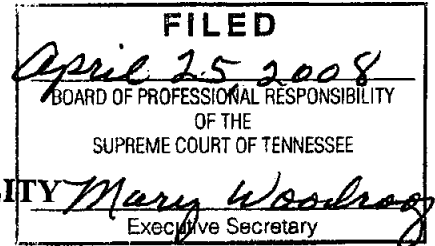


IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT IX
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE



IN RE: **RICHARD BRIAN FIELDS, 4744, FILE NOS. 30126-9-SG & 30324-9-SG**
Respondent. An Attorney Licensed
to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Morgan County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

On March 17, 2008, the Board of Professional Responsibility issued a Public Censure as to Respondent Richard Brian Fields, who practices law in Memphis. The Censure was based on two complaints filed as to him.

In one file, the Complainant retained Respondent as a replacement counsel in her lawsuit against the Memphis City Schools. Apparently, Respondent told the Court he was dismissing the case, but failed to do so. The Court issued a Show Cause Order requiring him to explain why he should not be found in contempt because he did not dismiss this case as promised. He then dismissed the case, but did not tell his client he was doing so. When the Complainant found out about the dismissals, she confronted the Respondent, who told her the matter would be resolved through arbitration. The Complainant subsequently fired the Respondent and asked for her file. The Respondent delayed giving her the file, and only did so after this complaint was filed. Respondent was also tardy in filing a response to this complaint against him.

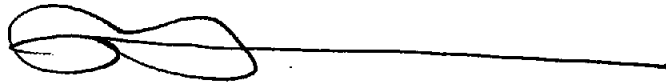
In the other file, the Complainant filed a complaint against the Respondent as the result of an accident. The matter has been pending for ten (10) years and remains pending. The Complainant states that she has had trouble communicating with the Respondent. This is

confirmed by unopened letters in her file, letters sent to him that were retained unclaimed, and his failure to enter a withdrawal, when the Complainant requested that he do so. The Complainant asked for her file, but he failed to give it to her. As a result, Disciplinary Counsel asked him for her file. The Respondent delayed in delivering to Disciplinary Counsel, but he finally did so.

Respondent thereby violated RPC 1.3, 1.4, 1.15 and 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct. He is hereby censured for these violations. This Censure does not prevent the Respondent from continuing to practice law.

This the 21st day of April, 2008.

FOR THE BOARD:



Thomas Stratton Scott, Jr., Esq.
Chairman

DATED: 4/21/08