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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: TABITHA FINCH, BPR# 024115
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CHATTANOOGA LAWYER CENSURED

On December 22, 2009, Tabitha Finch of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Finch pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Ms. Finch submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea that was approved by the Hearing Panel, the Board and the Supreme Court. Ms. Finch violated the Rules of Professional Conduct by failing to diligently represent and communicate with her clients, by failing to properly terminate representations of her clients and by failing to adequately respond to Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility. Ms. Finch's actions violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1 (Competence), 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 1.5 (Fees), 1.16 (Declining and Terminating Representation), 8.1(b) (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters), and 8.4 (a) (Misconduct). Ms. Finch was further ordered to pay the costs of the disciplinary proceedings.

For these violations, the Supreme Court of Tennessee publicly censured Tabitha Finch. 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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