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## IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT I OF THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE:	STEVEN CARL FRAZ	IER, BPR NO. 70	98	FILE NO. 327770-1-K	<b>B</b>
Respondent, an attorney licensed					
	to practice law in Tennessee				
	(Sullivan County)				
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· PUBLIC CENSURE					

The above complaint was filed against Steven Carl Frazier, 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 March 11, 2011.

Complainant and her husband retained Respondent in July, 2008, to file a complaint for breach of contract related to a lease purchase agreement of real property which included a country store. Complainant made regular efforts to contact Respondent to check on the progress of her case, but was often unable to communicate with him. Respondent failed to prepare a complaint on behalf of Complainant and failed to respond to letters from opposing counsel seeking an immediate payment of rent that had been forwarded to Respondent by the Complainant. Opposing counsel eventually filed a wrongful detainer action against Complainant and received court authorization to lock Complainant out of her country store. Respondent advised Complainant that there was nothing he could do about the situation until Monday and that he would call Complainant at that time. Respondent failed to call Complainant the following Monday and he could not be reached about the case. Respondent failed to have any contact with opposing counsel until just before the court hearing in the wrongful detainer case. Respondent's representation was subsequently discharged by the Complainant. Respondent has prior public discipline of a similar nature.

By the aforementioned acts, Steven Carl Frazier has violated Rules of Professional <u>Conduct 1.3 (diligence). 1.4 (communication with client), and 8.4(a) (violation of Rules of</u> Professional Conduct) and (d) (conduct prejudicial to administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

> FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Date