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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: HUGH EDWARD GARRETT, BPR #21191**  
**CONTACT: PRESTON SHIPP**  
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November 13, 2012

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On November 6, 2012, Hugh Edward Garrett, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Garrett failed to render competent representation, failed to act with reasonable diligence, failed to maintain reasonable communication with his client, and failed to take reasonable steps to expedite litigation. Mr. Garrett essentially abandoned his client's case on appeal, ignoring the requests of the Court of Criminal Appeals to either file a brief or dismiss the matter.

By these acts, Mr. Garrett has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4(d) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

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

IN RE: HUGH EDWARD GARRETT, BPR NO. 21191  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 34817c-5-PS

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaint was filed against Hugh Edward Garrett, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on September 21, 2012.

The Respondent essentially abandoned his client's case on appeal, ignoring the requests of the Court of Criminal Appeals to either file a brief or dismiss the matter. The court removed the Respondent and appointed a new lawyer. The Respondent failed to render competent representation, failed to act with reasonable diligence, failed to maintain reasonable communication, and failed to take reasonable steps to expedite litigation.

By the aforementioned acts, Hugh Edward Garrett has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4(d) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Lela Hollabaugh*

Lela Hollabaugh, Chair

November 6, 2012

Date