

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

PUBLIC CENSURE

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