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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: DEBORAH FANNIN GRAHAM, BPR #15493**  
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**OAK RIDGE ATTORNEY CENSURED**

On July 17, 2003, the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censured Attorney Deborah Fannin Graham, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Graham was given notice of the censure and did not request a hearing.

Graham represented a client in post-divorce proceedings. Graham's client complains that Graham failed to advise the client of a hearing on a petition for contempt filed against the client. The hearing on the petition for contempt was held without the client or Graham being present. The resulting order from the hearing found that Graham was properly provided notice of the petition for contempt against her client and the show cause order. Graham subsequently misrepresented to her client or failed to explain adequately to her client that she would not proceed and set aside the order unless the client paid additional fees. Graham's neglect and failure to adequately communicate with her client violates DR 1-102(A)(1)(5)(6); DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(1)(2)(3)(4) of the Code of Professional Responsibility and for these actions the Board publicly censures Graham.

The censure declares Graham's actions to be improper ethical misconduct but does not limit her right to practice law.

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