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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WALTER EDWIN GRANTHAM, II, REG. NO. 1396
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

March 30, 2006

CHATTANOOGA LAWYER CENSURED

Walter Edwin Grantham, II, a Chattanooga attorney, was Publicly Censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on March 30, 2006. The Public Censure was issued by the Board and there was no request by Mr. Grantham for a hearing.

Mr. Grantham represented the Complainant on a claim with the Tennessee Claims Commission which Mr. Grantham filed on July 6, 2001. An Agreed Order to Place Claim in Abeyance was entered on August 25, 2001. An Order Reinstating Claim to Active Status and Order to Schedule was entered September 17, 2002, requiring the parties to provide a Scheduling Order before November 5, 2002. An Agreed Order was entered November 13, 2002, giving the parties until December 1, 2002, to settle the case or, if not, requiring the Complainant to submit a Scheduling Order by December 1, 2002. An Order to Show Cause was entered on December 9, 2002, giving the parties thirty days to show cause why the case should not be dismissed for failure to comply with the November 13, 2002, Order. No Scheduling Order was filed by Mr. Grantham. On January 21, 2003, an Order of Dismissal was entered dismissing the Complainant's case. Mr. Grantham entered a civil settlement with the Complainant arising out of his failures. By his acts, Mr. Grantham failed to represent the Complainant competently, failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, and failed to keep the Complainant reasonably informed about the status of the representation.

By the aforementioned facts, the Board determined that Mr. Grantham violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, and 3.2 and should be Publicly Censured for such violations.

A Public Censure is a form of public discipline which declares the conduct of the lawyer improper but does not limit the lawyer's right to practice.

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