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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN McCONNELL WOLFE, JR., BPR # 10319**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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April 16, 2012

**HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On April 13, 2012, John McConnell Wolfe, Jr., an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Wolfe was hired to represent a client in a personal injury action against a Veterans' Administration Hospital. He untimely mailed the federal notice of claim and untimely filed a lawsuit after the claim was denied. The lawsuit was dismissed because of the failure to comply with the statutory deadlines. Wolfe failed to notify his client that the notice of claim was denied and that the lawsuit was dismissed. He failed to return numerous messages and failed to appear for scheduled appointments with his client.

By the aforementioned acts, John McConnell Wolfe, Jr., has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4 (misconduct).

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 III  
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IN RE: JOHN McCONNELL WOLFE, JR., BPR NO. 10319      FILE NO. 34263c-3-BM  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Hamilton County)

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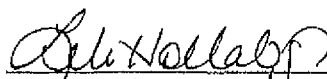
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The above complaint was filed against John McConnell Wolfe, Jr., an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on March 9, 2012.

Complainant was injured on the job at a Veterans' Administration Hospital, and she later hired Respondent to file a personal injury action. Respondent untimely mailed a notice of claim, which was beyond the statutory two-year limitation period of federal tort actions. The claim was denied as untimely. Thereafter, Respondent untimely filed a federal court lawsuit, which was beyond the six-month time period for filing after a notice of denial. The federal action was dismissed because Respondent failed to comply with the prior statutory deadlines. Respondent failed to notify Complainant of the denial of claim and the dismissal of the lawsuit. Respondent failed to return numerous messages and failed to appear for scheduled appointments.

By the aforementioned facts, John McConnell Wolfe, Jr., has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 3.2 (Expediting Litigation), and 8.4 (Misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Lela Hollabaugh, Chair

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Date