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NASHVILLE ATTORNEY CENSURED

On May 7, 2007, Penny Harrington, of Nashville, Tennessee, received a public censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility. Harrington was given notice of the censure and did not request a hearing.

Harrington represented her client, the father of a minor child, in General Sessions and Juvenile Court for Davidson County, Tennessee. On February 13, 2006, Harrington filed a complaint with the Metro Nashville Police Department's Department of Professional Accountability against the husband of the opposing party, the Complainant, alleging that the Complainant abused his authority as an off-duty police officer and abused the intent of the uniform by appearing numerous times in Juvenile Court in uniform while off duty. The Metro Police Department's investigation found Harrington's allegations of the Complainant's intimidation to be false and untrue and Harrington's complaint unfounded. Harrington's statements in her complaint filed with the Metro Police Department's Department of Professional Accountability violate Rules 3.1; 3.4(b), and 8.4(a)(c) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct and for these violations the Board publicly censures Harrington. The censure declares Harrington's actions to be unethical conduct but does not limit her right to practice law.

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