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NASHVILLE ATTORNEY CENSURED

On October 11, 2005, the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censured Fannie J. Harris, a Nashville, Tennessee attorney. The Board of Professional Responsibility gave Harris notice of the censure and she did not request a hearing.

Harris represented the Complainant's son in criminal charges. The Complainant filed a complaint with the Board of Professional Responsibility complaining in part about a meeting Harris had with the District Attorney on approximately February 25, 2005. In correspondence to the Board of Professional Responsibility the Respondent stated that she did not meet with the Bedford County District Attorney's office on February 24, 2005 or February 25, 2005. Harris further stated to the Board in correspondence "There is no video (DVD) recording of a meeting between myself and the Bedford County District Attorney's Office on February 24, 2005, February 25, 2005, or any other date because such meeting did not occur." The Complainant subsequently provided the Board of Professional Responsibility with a copy of the DVD dated February 25, 2005 reflecting a meeting at the jail between Harris' client, Harris, the District Attorney and a Bedford County Detective. Harris' misrepresentation to the Board of Professional Responsibility regarding this February 25, 2005 meeting violates Rule 8.4(b)(c)(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. For these statements, the Board publicly censured Harris. The censure declares Harris' actions to be improper but does not limit her right to practice law.

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