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IN RE: MARK W. HENDERSON, BPR NO. 11525 FILE NO. 33147c-4-KB Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee (Wilson County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Mark W. Henderson, 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 11, 2010.

Respondent received a \$3,000.00 retainer fee to represent Complainant in a divorce action. Complainant became dissatisfied with Respondent's representation and Respondent subsequently executed an agreement which stated that if Complainant was not satisfied with the deposition Respondent takes of Complainant's wife, Respondent would refund \$2,000.00 of the \$3,000.00 retainer fee and withdraw from the case. Shortly after Respondent participated in the deposition, Complainant sent Respondent an e-mail demanding that Respondent refund \$2,000.00 of his attorney fee. Respondent failed to refund any fees and instead withdrew from representation on February 23, 2010. During the disciplinary investigation, Respondent agreed to mediate the fee dispute before a neutral mediator. The mediator made several attempts to contact Respondent and schedule a time for the mediation, but Respondent failed to communicate with the mediator. The mediator referred the matter back to Disciplinary Counsel

and attempts were made to contact Respondent, but he has failed to respond. Respondent has prior public discipline of a similar nature.

By the aforementioned acts, Mark W. Henderson, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 4.4 (using means that have no substantial purpose other than to delay a third person), 8.1(b) (failure to respond to a demand for information by Disciplinary Counsel), and 8.4(a) (violation of Rules of Professional Conduct) and (d) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Lola Hollabaugh, Chair pil 26,201