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NASHVILLE ATTORNEY CENSURED

On January 12, 2007, Matthew F. Mayo of Nashville, Tennessee received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility based on two (2) complaints. Mayo was given notice of the censure and did not request a hearing.

The first complaint concerned Mayo's representation of the client in Juvenile Court. Mayo was retained in August, 2004, and filed an Amended Petition for Visitation on behalf of his client. Mayo has been unsuccessful in serving the mother of the child with the Petition. Mayo also failed to respond to his client's correspondence requesting information about the case. Mayo's neglect and failure to communicate with his client violates Rules 1.3; 3.2; 1.4 and 8.4(a)(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

In the second complaint, a client retained Mayo for a divorce on September 8, 2003. Mayo filed the client's divorce on October 8, 2003, however, the Final Decree of Divorce was not entered until July 13, 2006. In mitigation, the client was incarcerated from approximately August, 2004 until December, 2005. Mayo's neglect of the client's divorce and failure to respond to the client's inquiries about her case violates Rules 1.3; 1.4; 3.2 and 8.4 of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

The Censure declares Mayo's actions to be improper but does not limit his right to practice law.

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