

**IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

**IN RE: MATTHEW F. MAYO, BPR #20872
Respondent, An Attorney
Licensed to Practice
Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)**

**FILE NO. 29363c-5-SG
FILE NO. 29107c-5-sg**

PUBLIC CENSURE

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The Respondent was retained in August, 2004, and paid in full \$1,000 to represent the Complainant on a Juvenile Court case regarding visitation and legitimation of a minor child. The Complainant is currently incarcerated. The Respondent has failed to respond to the Complainant's five (5) letters requesting information about his case. The Respondent filed an Amended Petition for Visitation and Legitimation on behalf of the Complainant, but has been unsuccessful in serving the mother of the Complainant's child. The Respondent's neglect and failure to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing the client violates Rules 1.3 and 3.2 of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. The Respondent's failure to respond to the Complainant's letters and/or accept the Complainant's calls violates Rules 1.4 and 8.4(a)(d).

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The Complainant retained the Respondent for a divorce on September 8, 2003. The Respondent has failed to respond to the Complainant's inquiries and failed to respond to her certified letters. The Respondent filed the Complainant's divorce on October 8, 2003. The Complainant was incarcerated from approximately August, 2004 until December, 2005. The Complainant's final decree of divorce was entered July 13, 2006. Approximately September 1, 2006, the Respondent forwarded to the Complainant her \$8,717.58 which the Respondent had been holding in trust. By letter dated September 29, 2006, the Respondent provided the Complainant with a copy of her final decree. The Respondent's neglect of Complainant's divorce and failure to respond to the Complainant's inquiries about her divorce violate Rules 1.3; 1.4; 3.2 and 8.4 of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

It is therefore **ORDERED** by the Board of Professional Responsibility that the Respondent is issued a Public Censure.

FOR THE BOARD:



W. Ferber Tracy, Chairman
Board of Professional Responsibility
of the Supreme Court of Tennessee

DATE: 11/12/07