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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: RANDY K. MILLER, BPR# 21321**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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January 24, 2011

**MORGAN COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On January 21, 2011, Randy K. Miller, of Morgan County, Tennessee, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility.

There were two complaints before the Board. In the first matter, Mr. Miller was hired to represent a client in a divorce. On May 28, 2008, the client returned the divorce papers prepared by Mr. Miller, which he had signed and notarized. On June 26, 2008, Mr. Miller requested \$170 from the client for filing fees, which the client paid. Mr. Miller told the client more than once that he had filed the divorce papers and there would be a hearing. The client began calling and e-mailing Mr. Miller after learning his divorce had not been filed with the court, but with no response. To date, Mr. Miller has not refunded the \$170 filing fee paid by the client. Also, Mr. Miller told the client that he would return his papers to him, but he has not.

In the second matter, Mr. Miller filed a pleading in court stating that he could not receive a fair and unbiased hearing before two particular judges because he claimed both had shown blatant and open personal bias against him by filing ethics complaints against him and because one was a former political opponent of his. Mr. Miller claimed defamation by one of the judges.

Mr. Miller's actions violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.4 (communication), 8.2(a)(1) (reckless statement about the integrity of judges) and 8.4 (a), (c) and (d) (misrepresentation, conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice).

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

Miller 31644-2; 32340-2 rel.doc.

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IN RE: RANDY K. MILLER, BPR NO. 21321  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Knox County)

FILE NOS. 31644-2-KS  
32340-2-KS

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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The above complaints were filed against Randy K. Miller, 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 December 10, 2010.

In the first matter, the client hired Respondent in May 2008 to represent him in a divorce. The client asserts the agreement was for \$500; \$250 up front and \$250 after resolution of the matter. Respondent paid the up front \$250. Respondent asserts that he told the client the divorce papers would not be filed until the entire \$500 fee was paid. On May 28, 2008, the client returned the signed and notarized prepared divorce papers to Respondent. On June 26, 2008, Respondent requested \$170 from the client for filing fees, which the client paid. By e-mail, Respondent told the client more than once that he had filed the divorce papers. At one point in the e-mails, Respondent stated that there isn't a court date yet and later Respondent stated that he didn't recall the exact date, but the final hearing would be the week of October 14, 2008. The client began calling and e-mailing Respondent after learning his divorce had not been filed with the court, with no success. To date, Respondent hasn't refunded the \$170 filing fee paid by the client, even though he didn't file

anything. Respondent told the client that he would return the papers to him, but has not. Respondent has past disciplinary history for similar conduct.

In the second matter, Respondent filed a pleading in court stating that he could not receive a fair and unbiased hearing before two identified judges because both have shown blatant and open personal bias against him by filing ethics complaints against him and one was a former political opponent of his. Respondent claimed defamation by one of the judges.

By the aforementioned facts, Randy K. Miller, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (communication), 8.2(a)(1) (reckless statement about the integrity of judges) and 8.4 (a), (c) and (d) (misrepresentation, conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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Lela M. Hollabaugh, Chair

1-13-2011  
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Date