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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JACK C. MORRIS, BPR #15855
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JACKSON TENNESSEE ATTORNEY CENSURED

Jack C. Morris, a Jackson, Tennessee attorney, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on August 11, 2006. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's right to practice law.

Respondent represented a client in an appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeals. The brief of the appellant filed on May 1, 2006, by respondent did not comply with the Rules of Appellate Procedure because it did not contain citations to the record. On May 4, 2006, the court ordered respondent to file a brief that complied with the rules by May 8, 2006.

Respondent did not comply with the court order and on May 12, 2006, the court relieved respondent of the representation of the client and remanded the case to the trial court for appointment of substitute counsel for the appeal.

In mitigation, respondent apologized to the court and explained that he had failed to calendar the deadline. The court accepted the apology.

Respondent violated RPC 1.1 [competent representation], RPC 1.3 [diligence and promptness], RPC 1.4 [client communication], RPC 3.2 [expediting litigation], and RPC 8.4(d) [conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice]. Respondent is censured for these violations.

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