

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

IN RE: DANA L. NERO, BPR NO. 25042  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 41955c-5-PS

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PUBLIC CENSURE


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The above complaint was filed against Dana L. Nero, #25042, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on June 10, 2016.

Ms. Nero represented a client in two separate criminal cases. The prosecution made a plea offer of concurrent sentences of two years and six years. The Respondent erroneously believed that if her client pled guilty to a sentence of six years, he would be automatically released upon serving 30 percent of the sentence. She assured her client that because he had been incarcerated for 27 months, he would go home shortly after entering his plea. In fact, a person serving a sentence of six years must be released by the parole board. The Respondent's client accordingly pled guilty, but instead of being released, he was shipped to a prison. The Respondent admits she gave her client erroneous advice about when he would be released upon pleading guilty.

By the aforementioned acts, Dana L. Nero has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence) and 1.3 (diligence) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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Michael King, Chair

  
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