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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: HOWARD ROBERT ORFIELD, BPR# 10567**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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September 30, 2011

**SULLIVAN COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On September 27, 2011, Howard Robert Orfield of Bristol, Tennessee was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.4. Mr. Orfield violated the Rules of Professional Conduct by failing to diligently represent and by failing to adequately communicate with his clients. Mr. Orfield's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (Diligence) and 1.4 (Communication). Mr. Orfield was further ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 24.3, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

For these violations, the Supreme Court of Tennessee publicly censured Howard Robert Orfield. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: HOWARD ROBERT ORFIELD, BPR #10567  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Sullivan County)

**FILED**  
SEP 27 2011  
Clerk of the Courts

No. ~~M2011-02047-SC-BPO-BP~~  
BOPR No. 2010-1936-1-CM

**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel against Respondent, Howard Robert Orfield, on May 27, 2010; upon a Motion for Default and that Allegations Contained in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed by the Board on April 8, 2011; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea executed by Mr. Orfield on July 22, 2011 and filed with the Board on July 27, 2011; upon an Order of Recommendation of Conditional Guilty Plea entered by the Hearing Panel on August 8, 2011; upon the Board's approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea on September 9, 2011; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and accepts the Conditional Guilty Plea.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** by the Court,

1. Howard Robert Orfield is hereby publicly censured pursuant to Rule 9, §4.4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, Mr. Orfield shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$434.00 and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days from the entry of this order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

3. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that  
this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.

This 27 day of Sept, 2011  
CLERK OF COURTS

By: [Signature] D.C.

[Signature]  
WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE