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IN RE: BRUCE E. POSTON, BPR # 17803
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KNOXVILLE ATTORNEY CENSURED

On November 4, 2005 the Board of Professional Responsibility censured Bruce E. Poston of Knoxville. The censure was issued pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Poston did not request a hearing. The censure does not prevent Mr. Poston from continuing to practice law.

Mr. Marcus Branner was convicted of two counts of attempted second degree murder. His attorney was Bruce Poston. Despite Mr. Branner's request, Mr. Poston never filed an appeal. When Mr. Branner's complaint was filed with the Board, Mr. Poston stated he would file a delayed appeal. He further failed to respond to Disciplinary Counsel's inquiries as to the status of Mr. Branner's case. Mr. Branner ultimately filed a post-conviction petition, but he was late in doing so and his petition was time-barred.

Mr. Poston has thereby violated RPC 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, and 8.4(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

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