

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

IN RE: MICHAEL F. RAFFERTY, BPR NO. 10092  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 33124-9-RW

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PUBLIC CENSURE

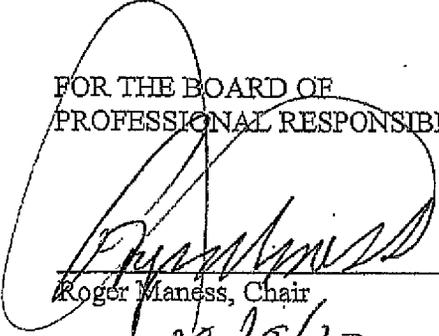
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The above complaint was filed against Michael F. Rafferty, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on September 10, 2010.

Respondent late-filed individual federal income tax returns for the years 2001 and 2004, failed to file returns for years 2002-2003 and 2005-2007, despite receiving extensions, and owed a tax liability for tax year 2004. While Respondent timely paid taxes for the other years, additional taxes were due because he filed late returns. This resulted in Respondent being disbarred from practice before the IRS. According to Respondent, he has now hired an accountant and cured his delinquencies by filing all of the returns and paying the IRS.

By the aforementioned facts, Michael F. Rafferty, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(c) (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



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Roger Maness, Chair

10/8/10

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Date