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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL F. RAFFERTY, BPR# 10092
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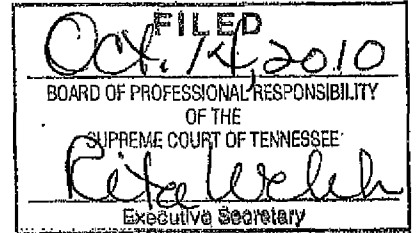
On October 14, 2010, Michael F. Rafferty, of Memphis, Tennessee, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Mr. Rafferty 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 Mr. Rafferty timely paid taxes for the other years, additional monies were due because he filed late returns. This resulted in his being disbarred from practice before the IRS. Mr. Rafferty states he has cured his delinquencies by filing all of the returns and paying the IRS. Mr. Rafferty's actions violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 (c) (misconduct).

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 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

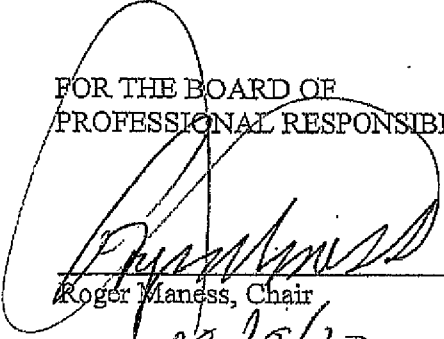
PUBLIC CENSURE

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



Roger Maness, Chair

10/8/10

Date