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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JERRY TODD ROSS, BPR# 22264**  
**CONTACT: KEVIN D. BALKWILL**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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January 17, 2012

**SULLIVAN COUNTY ATTORNEY CENSURED**

On January 12, 2012, Jerry Todd Ross of Kingsport, Tennessee, was Publicly Censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.4, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Ross failed to diligently represent his client and failed to adequately communicate with his client in a termination of parental rights and adoption proceeding in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Ross has violated Rule 1.3 (diligence) and 1.4 (communication) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

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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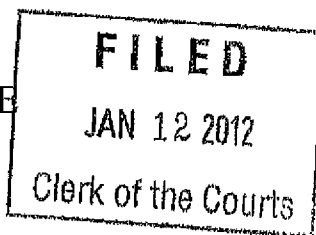
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE **JERRY TODD ROSS, BPR #022264**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Sullivan County)



No. M2012-00041-SC-BPR-BP  
BOPR No. 2010-1993-1-SG

**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel against Jerry Todd Ross on November 22, 2010; upon an Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Ross on December 22, 2010; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea executed by Mr. Ross on November 15, 2011, and filed with the Board on December 7, 2011; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered by the Hearing Panel on December 22, 2011; upon the Board's approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea on January 5, 2012; 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 that:

1. Jerry Todd Ross shall be and is hereby Publicly Censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §4.4.
2. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Ross shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1673.92, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
3. The Board shall cause notice of this Public Censure to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

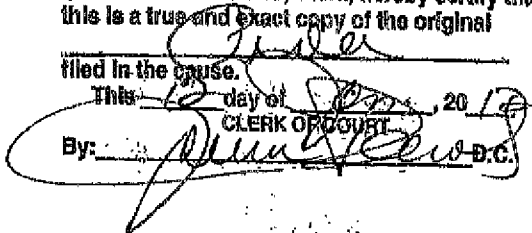
FOR THE COURT:

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

filed in the cause.

This 12 day of Jan, 2012

CLERK OF COURT

By:  D.C.

  
WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE