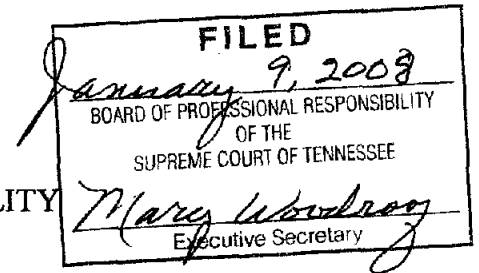


IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VI  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE



IN RE: PATRICIA A. RUST,  
BPR No. 21674, An  
Attorney Licensed to  
Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Montgomery County)

DOCKET NO. 2006-1638-6-CH

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PUBLIC CENSURE

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A Petition for Discipline was filed against Patricia A. Rust of Clarksville, Tennessee. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 16, Ms. Rust tendered a Conditional Guilty Plea in exchange for a stated discipline, a Public Censure. The Conditional Guilty Plea was recommended by the Hearing Panel and approved by the Board of Professional Responsibility.

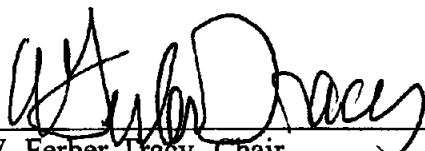
Ms. Rust represented a client in a child custody matter. She filed a motion to stay the proceedings under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. The motion stated Ms. Rust's client was deployed to Iraq and was not allowed any leave. The allegations were true when made.

Ms. Rust's client was allowed personal leave a few days prior to the hearing on the motion to stay and was in Montgomery County on the day of the hearing. Ms. Rust did not inform the court of the client's presence in Montgomery County and argued for the stay. It was Ms. Rust's understanding that the client remained "deployed" even though on temporary leave. Ms. Rust admits that she made a misleading argument to the court. Ms. Rust also admits that she signed a certificate of service for a pleading that was not properly delivered.

Ms. Rust violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice).

Ms. Rust is **censured** for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

  
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W. Ferber Tracy, Chair

Date: July 17, 2007