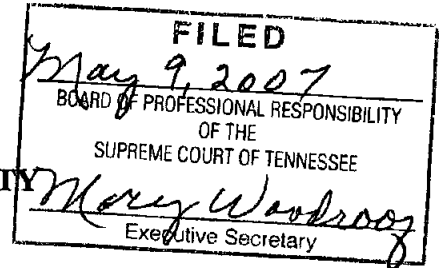


IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT II
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE



In Re: **Billy P. Sams, Respondent**
An Attorney Licensed To
Practice Law in Tennessee
(Anderson Tennessee BPR #6330)

B.O.P.R. File No. 28998c-2-TH

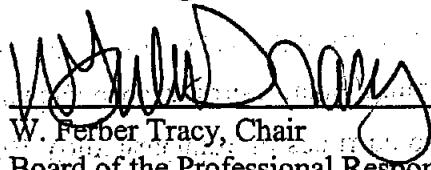
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Billy P. Sams who practices law in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. This complaint alleges acts of misconduct in violation of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Responsibility (Rule 8, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.) Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered this matter and determined that a Public Censure was appropriate.

The complainant was incarcerated in the Knox County detention center for two felony DUI's. He asked his attorney, Tony McGuire, to see if he could be transferred to the Veterans Hospital as a result of his being diagnosed there as a diabetic and because he had trouble maintaining his sugar level. Mr. McGuire spoke to the District Attorney, who refused to agree to such transfer. The complainant then contacted the Respondent in the Fall of 2005. Respondent told the complainant that he could get the complainant transferred if the complainant paid him \$1,500.00. The complainant paid this money. Respondent did not get him transferred and failed to respond to the complainant's inquiries. Respondent has also failed to provide Disciplinary Counsel the complainant's file as Disciplinary Counsel requested.

Mr. Sams has thereby violated RPC 1.3, 1.4, and 8.4(d). He is censured for these violations.

This the 7th day of May, 2007.



W. Ferber Tracy, Chair
Board of the Professional Responsibility