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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES EDWARD STANBERY, JR., BPR # 21268
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HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 18, 2011, Charles Edward Stanbery, Jr., an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Stanbery was hired and paid to file a probate matter for his client. After Mr. Stanbery opened the estate, he provided no other legal services, closed his office and thereafter could not be located by his client, who had to finalize the probate matter himself. Mr. Stanbery failed to respond to an ethics complaint filed by his client. Mr. Stanbery's actions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees) and 8.1(b) (failure to respond to disciplinary counsel).

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 III
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: CHARLES E. STANBERRY, JR., BPR NO. 21268 FILE NO. 33434-3-RW
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Charles E. Stanberry, Jr., 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 March 11, 2011.

The client hired Respondent to file probate for his deceased wife and paid him approximately \$2,000. Respondent opened the estate in December 2007, but provided no other legal services, closed his office and thereafter couldn't be found by the client. The client had to finalize the probate matter himself. The Clerk of Court stated that from December 15, 2008 until Respondent's license was suspended in April 2010, she attempted to contact Respondent numerous times, both in writing and by phone to get the estate closed, but she was unsuccessful. The Clerk had Respondent come into her office, gave him all of the documents necessary to close the estate, but he failed to take action. Respondent failed to respond to the Board regarding this complaint. Respondent was disbarred on February 14, 2011, for similar conduct.

By his conduct, Respondent has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees) and 8.1(b) (failure to respond to

disciplinary counsel).

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Lela Hollabaugh

Lela M. Hollabaugh, Chair

April 17, 2011

Date