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## NASHVILLE LAWYER CENSURED

On February 26, 2007, the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censured attorney Ronald Lee Stone, Sr. Stone was given notice of the censure and did not request a hearing.

Stone represented a client in his divorce. While Stone was out of town, a default judgment was entered against his client. More than thirty days passed prior to Stone learning of the default judgment. Stone failed to advise his client of the default. Stone violated Rules 1.3; 1.4; 3.2 and 8.4(a)(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct by neglecting his client's case and failing to communicate with his client. Stone acknowledged his client was entitled to a full refund of his fee, however, Stone failed to provide any such refund in violation of Rule 1.5 of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

The censure declares Stone's actions to be improper but does not limit his right to practice law.

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