



**IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

**IN RE:       RONALD LEE STONE, SR. BPR #10302  
              Respondent, An Attorney  
              Licensed to Practice  
              Law in Tennessee  
              (Davidson County)**

**FILE NO. 29291c-5-SG**

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**PUBLIC CENSURE**

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The Respondent represents the Complainant's son, in his divorce. While the Respondent was out of town in February, 2006, a default judgment was entered against his client. More than thirty (30) days passed prior to the Respondent's learning of the default judgment. The Complainant states the Respondent never advised the Complainant or the Complainant's son of the default. The Respondent 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. The Respondent acknowledges the client is entitled to a full refund of his fee, however, the Respondent has failed to provide any such refund in violation of Rule 1.5 of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

It is therefore **ORDERED** by the Board of Professional Responsibility that the Respondent is issued a Public Censure.

FOR THE BOARD:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Ferber Tracy", written over a horizontal line.

W. Ferber Tracy, Chairman  
Board of Professional Responsibility  
of the Supreme Court of Tennessee

DATE: 2/23/07