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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VII
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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In Re: Linda Sesson Taylor, Respondent
An Attorney Licensed
To Practice Law In Tennessee
(Madison County, BPR No. 10303)

B.O.P.R. Docket No. 2004-1468-7(9)-TH

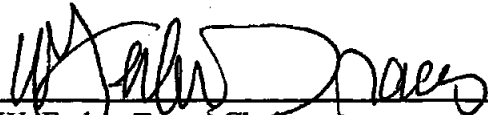
PUBLIC CENSURE

This matter arose as a result of a complaint filed against Linda Sesson Taylor. The complaint alleges that a non-lawyer practicing law out of Ms. Taylor's office. Ms. Taylor did not file a response to the complaint. As a result, Disciplinary Counsel was not provided a denial of this charge until after disciplinary charges were brought.

While Ms. Taylor may have failed to adequately supervise her staff, it does not appear that Ms. Taylor knew anyone was improperly practicing law. If Ms. Taylor had filed a response to the complaint, Disciplinary Counsel would have known Ms. Taylor's position.

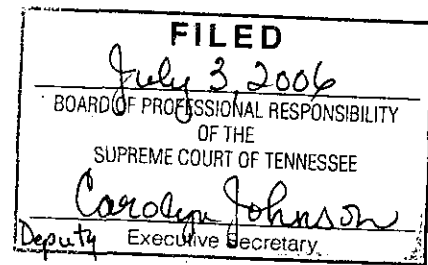
Ms. Taylor thereby violated DR 1-102(A)(5), DR 3-101(A), and RPC 5.3(a) and is censured for these violations.

FOR THE BOARD:



W. Ferber Tracy, Chair

Date: 5/16/07



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**RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO THE
DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

Comes now Disciplinary Counsel and in response to the Interrogatories propounded by Respondent would state as follows:

1. Please state the name of defendant, docket number, and style of cases in General Sessions Court of Madison County, Tennessee which list Angela Hopson as the attorney of record in 2002 and January 2003.

1.

Answer: Disciplinary Counsel does not know of specific case names but relies on the testimony of Jason White, Assistant District Attorney, 500 S. Main Street, Springfield, Tennessee 37172.

2. Please state the name of defendant, docket number and style of cases in City Court of Madison County, Tennessee and which list Angela Hopson as the attorney of record in 2002 and January 2003.

2.

Answer: Eric Chism - *State v. Eric Chism*, No. 2002M-2067
Steven Newsome - *State v. Steven Newsome*, No. 2002M-1590
Marcus Reid - *State v. Marcus Reid*, No. 2002M - 2149

3. Please state the names of the parties, docket number, and style of cases in Juvenile Court of Madison County, Tennessee which list Angela Hopson as the attorney of record in 2002 and January 2003.

3.

Answer: Disciplinary Counsel does not know of specific case styles but relies upon the testimony of Juvenile Court Judge, Christy Little, 110 Irby Street, P.O.Box 1504, Jackson, TN 38302-1504.

4. Please state the names of any witnesses and addresses of these witnesses who will testify that Ms. Linda Taylor intentionally allowed Ms. Hopson to practice law without a license.

4.

Answer: Disciplinary Counsel will submit the following individuals concerning the actions of Ms. Hopson. Disciplinary Counsel point to Respondent's statements to Lt. Hampton as proof of her intent.

Jason White (see, Response to Interrogatory 1.)
Christy Little (see, Response to Interrogatory 3.)

Other witnesses are:

Anna Marie Banks, Assistant District Attorney, 225 Martin Luther King Drive
P. O. Box 2825, Jackson, Tennessee 38302

Ann Bailey, Chief Deputy Court Clerk, Jackson City Court, Jackson, Tennessee

Lt. R. Hampton, Jackson Police Department, Jackson, Tennessee

Disciplinary Counsel will further submit that Respondent's failure to respond to this complaint serves as an admission of her guilt in this matter.

5. Please state the names of any witnesses and address of these witnesses who will testify that Mr. Taylor did not act in a supervisory role over Ms. Hopson or allowed Ms. Hopson to act alone as the attorney in cases prior to Ms. Hopson's admission to the bar.

5.

Answer: It is Disciplinary Counsel's position that Respondent knew or should have known of Ms. Hopson's activities in her office. In response thereto Disciplinary Counsel would point to the witnesses to Interrogatory 5.

6. Please state the names of any witnesses and addresses of these witnesses who will testify that Ms. Hopson represented to them that she was practicing law prior to her admission to the bar.

6.

Answer: Disciplinary Counsel at this time does not plan on calling any witnesses that were Ms. Hopson's/Ms. Taylor's clients.

This the 30th day of June, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have mailed a copy of this Response to Respondent's First Set of Interrogatories to the Disciplinary Board to Respondent's counsel, Angela Jenkins-Hines, P. O. Box 38, LaGrange, TN 38046 on this the ~~30th~~^{30th} day of ~~June~~^{June}, 2006.



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