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NASHVILLE LAWYER CENSURED

On January 21, 2011, George H. Thompson, of Nashville, Tennessee, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility.

There were two complaints before the Board. In the first complaint, the client retained Mr. Thompson for a probate matter. After the initial meeting, Mr. Thompson failed to return the client's telephone calls or reply to the client's certified letter. The client obtained other counsel.

In the second matter, the client retained Mr. Thompson in April 2009 for a medical malpractice action. Mr. Thompson sent the client a letter in March 2010, declining the case approximately two months after the statute of limitations ran. Mr. Thompson never spoke to the client about a statute of limitations. Mr. Thompson's actions foreclosed the client's right to find another lawyer before the running of the statute and his claim was lost.

Mr. Thompson's actions violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence) and 1.4 (communication).

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

Thompson 33296-5; 33228-5 rel.doc.

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