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OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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IN RE: WENDY NICOLE VILLAFANA, BPR NO. 24770
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

FILE NO. 33726-9-KB

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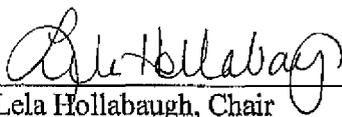
The above complaint was filed against Wendy Nicole Villafana, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on March 9, 2012.

Ms. Villafana was hired by a client to file a cancellation of deportation. Ms. Villafana sent a letter to the client reminding him of the court date. The application for cancellation of deportation was never filed. At the hearing, Ms. Villafana told the client that he had not provided sufficient information to prevail in a cancellation request, and she felt that a voluntary departure was the best result for him. During the representation, Ms. Villafana failed to return the client's phone calls.

Ms. Villafana violated Rule 1.3 by failing to file the client's application for cancellation with the court and failing to diligently prepare for the hearing. She violated Rule 1.4 by failing to promptly inform the client about the alleged weakness in his case and failing to respond to his requests for information.

By the aforementioned acts, Wendy Nicole Villafana has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (Diligence) and 1.4 (Communication) and is hereby Publicly Censured.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Lela Hollabaugh, Chair

April 17, 2012

Date