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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT III
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OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: JOHN McCONNELL WOLFE, JR., BPR NO. 10319 FILE NO. 34263c-3-BM
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against John McConnell Wolfe, Jr., 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.

Complainant was injured on the job at a Veterans' Administration Hospital, and she later hired Respondent to file a personal injury action. Respondent untimely mailed a notice of claim, which was beyond the statutory two-year limitation period of federal tort actions. The claim was denied as untimely. Thereafter, Respondent untimely filed a federal court lawsuit, which was beyond the six-month time period for filing after a notice of denial. The federal action was dismissed because Respondent failed to comply with the prior statutory deadlines. Respondent failed to notify Complainant of the denial of claim and the dismissal of the lawsuit. Respondent failed to return numerous messages and failed to appear for scheduled appointments.

By the aforementioned facts, John McConnell Wolfe, Jr., has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 3.2 (Expediting Litigation), and 8.4 (Misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Lela Hollabaugh, Chair

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