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BRISTOL, TENNESSEE LAWYER CENSURED

The Board of Professional Responsibility has publicly censured, David E. Woodby, a lawyer who practices law in Bristol, Tennessee.

On February 16, 2000, Mr. Woodby's law license was suspended for noncompliance with CLE. It was reinstated on January 10, 2001. On September 24, 2003, it was suspended again for noncompliance with CLE.

Since September 24, 2003, Mr. Woodby continued to practice law. He had some bankruptcy cases before Bankruptcy Judge Martha Parsons. She discovered that he had never been admitted to practice before the Eastern District of Tennessee Federal Court and instructed him to apply. He indicated to her that he would. Mr. Woodby continued to file bankruptcy cases, but did not apply for admission. Judge Parsons issued a show cause order in four of his bankruptcy cases. At the Show Cause hearing on February 24, 2003, Mr. Woodby indicated to Judge Parsons that he was in the process of obtaining a certificate of good standing from the State of Tennessee and requested additional time to complete the admission practice.

On or about March 10, 2003, Chapter 13 Trustee, Gwendolyn M. Kerney, received a notice of levy on Mr. Woodby in the amount of \$64, 270.95 compelling her to remit all fees due him as debtor's attorney to the IRS. Ms. Kerney checked with the Board and discovered that Mr. Woodby's license had been suspended since the previous September.

The bankruptcy court issued an order prohibiting Mr. Woodby from further practice in the bankruptcy court and requiring him to disgorge his fees. He subsequently obtained the necessary CLE and on March 30, 2004 had his law license reinstated.

The Board found Mr. Woodby to have violated Rules of Professional Conduct Nos.3.3(a)(1), 3.4(c), 5.5(a), and 8.4(c) and (d). The Board thus issued a censure, pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court. Mr. Woodby did not ask for a hearing relative to this censure. This censure does not affect Mr. Woodby's to continue to practice law.