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NASHVILLE ATTORNEY CENSURED

On March 27, 2008, Gary D. Copas, of Nashville, Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Copas pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Copas submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea agreeing to accept a Public Censure and refund \$2,500.00 to a client for Copas' neglect of the client's case and failure to respond to the client's inquiries and keep the client informed about the case.

Copas' neglect and failure to communicate with his client violates Rules 1.3; 1.4; 1.5; 1.16, and 8.4 of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. For these violations, the Supreme Court of Tennessee publically censures Copas. This censure declares Copas' conduct to be improper, but does not limit his right to practice law.

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