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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: AUBREY L. DAVIS, BPR #15174
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KNOXVILLE LAWYER CENSURED

Aubrey L. Davis, of Knoxville, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on April 22, 2008. The censure was issued by the Board pursuant to Rule 9, Section 8 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Davis did not request a hearing on the matter.

In representing a criminal defendant on appeal, Davis failed to timely file the appellate brief, and failed to file within an extension of time granted by the Court of Criminal Appeals. Ordered to show cause, Davis assured the Court that he would file a brief within a second extended period, but failed to do so and failed to communicate with the Court. The Court found Davis to have been “grossly negligent in the performance of his duties to his client and to this court,” and “in willful contempt of this court.” Davis was then relieved as counsel and replaced by another lawyer. The Court then informed the Board of its action. Davis completely failed to respond to the complaint or to communicate with Disciplinary Counsel until he was temporarily suspended from the practice of law under Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3.

Davis’ conduct violated Rules 1.3 (diligence on behalf of clients) and 8.4 (misconduct – conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. This censure declares Davis’ conduct to be improper, but does not limit his right to practice law.

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