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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: RICHARD B. FIELDS, BPR #4744
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MEMPHIS ATTORNEY CENSURED

On March 17, 2008, pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court, the Board of Professional Responsibility issued a Public Censure as to Respondent Richard Brian Fields, who practices law in Memphis. Mr. Fields did not request a hearing as to this censure and therefore the censure became final.

The censure was based on two complaints. In the first complaint, Mr. Fields informed the Court that he would dismiss a case but failed to do so as promised. This resulted in a show cause Order. In the same matter, he failed to inform his client that he was dismissing the case and made misrepresentations to his client about the disposition. Finally, he neglected to provide the file to his client until the disciplinary complaint was filed. In the second complaint, Mr. Fields neglected a case and failed to respond to his client in a regular and timely manner. Further, he failed to withdraw at the client's request and failed to provide the file to the client until the disciplinary complaint was filed.

Respondent's actions thereby violated RPC 1.3 (diligence on behalf of clients), 1.4 (adequate attorney-client communications), 1.15 (returning client's property – his file) and 8.4 (misconduct - conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice) of the Rules of Professional Conduct (Supreme Court Rule 8).

For these violations, the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censures Richard Fields. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's right to practice law.

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