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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: PATRICIA A. RUST, #21674**  
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**CLARKSVILLE LAWYER CENSURED**

On January 9, 2008, Patricia A. Rust, of Clarksville, Tennessee, received a public censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility for her violation of Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(d). Rust represented a client in a child custody matter. She filed a motion to stay the proceedings under the Service Members Civil Relief Act. The motion stated Rust's client was deployed in Iraq and was not allowed any leave. The allegations were true when made.

Rust's client was allowed personal leave a few days prior to the hearing on the motion to stay and was in Montgomery County on the day of the hearing. Rust did not inform the court of the client's presence in Montgomery County on the day of the hearing, and argued for the stay. It was Rust's understanding that the client remained "deployed" even though on temporary leave. Rust admits that she made a misleading statement to the court. Rust also admits that she signed a certificate of service for a pleading that was not properly delivered.

Rust was publicly censured for the violations described above.

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