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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES A. HURST, JR., BPR #019110
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CHATTANOOGA LAWYER CENSURED

On January 8, 2009, James A. Hurst, Jr., of Chattanooga, Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Hurst pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Hurst submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea that was approved by the Hearing Panel, the Board and the Supreme Court. Mr. Hurst violated the Rules of Professional Conduct by paying inadequate attention to his client's collection case and misleading his client as to the status of the case. Also, Mr. Hurst failed to respond to the repeated requests of Disciplinary Counsel. Hurst's actions violated the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 1.1 (Competence), 1.2 (Scope of the Representation and the Allocation of Authority Between the Lawyer and Client), 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), and 8.4 (a)(Misconduct). Mr. Hurst is further ordered to pay the costs of the disciplinary proceedings.

For these violations, the Supreme Court of Tennessee publicly censures James A. Hurst, Jr. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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