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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHARLES R. CURBO, BPR #6585**  
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**MEMPHIS LAWYER PUBLICLY CENSURED**

Charles R. Curbo, of Memphis, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on September 25, 2002. The censure was issued by the Board pursuant to Rule 9, Section 8 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Curbo did not request a hearing on the matter.

In one complaint filed against Mr. Curbo, the Board found that he grossly neglected a client's case then pending with the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals. Curbo failed to file the trial transcript some six months after he filed the client's notice of appeal in July of 2001, and he did not respond to the Court of Criminal Appeals' January 11, 2002 Order requiring him to file the transcript or other pleading explaining the status of the appeal within 15 days. Curbo was relieved as counsel on March 1, and failed to appear for his own show cause hearing on March 12, 2002 as ordered. On March 13, the Court of Criminal Appeals adjudged him to be in willful contempt and fined him \$50.00.

The Board concluded that Curbo had disrespected the Court and that he had habitually violated rules of procedure and orders of the Court. Given Mr. Curbo's disclosure to the Board of unspecified impairments which have disaffected his practice of law, the Board ordered Curbo within the censure to undergo assessment by, and entry into a peer assistance contract with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP), if recommended by this organization.

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