

Your client was further injured when you did not file a response to the opposing parties' Request for Admission. Eventually, National and Straite were awarded a summary judgment in this action because you failed to respond to the defendant's motion for summary judgment. As a result of your inaction, a judgment of approximately \$13,000 was entered against Fairco and Fairco was thereby damaged economically by your neglect and disregard of the case.

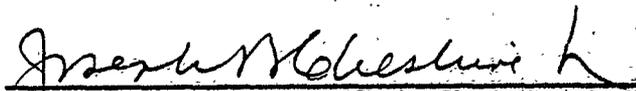
You have an obligation to represent your client with competence and proper care. Your client relies upon you to use your special training and knowledge of the law to protect, defend, and further his interests. You failed in this responsibility to Fairco.

Your conduct was unprofessional. It violated not only the letter of the Code of Professional Responsibility but also its spirit. Your conduct was not the conduct expected of a member of the legal profession and an officer of the court. It brought discredit upon you, the profession, and the courts. It damaged both your reputation and the profession's. It placed your privilege to serve the public as a lawyer in serious jeopardy.

The Committee is confident that this Public Censure will be heeded by you, that it will be remembered by you, and will be beneficial to you. The Committee is confident that you will never again allow yourself to depart from strict adherence to the highest standards of the profession. Instead of being a burden, this Public Censure should serve as a profitable and everpresent reminder to weigh carefully your responsibilities to your clients, to the public, to your fellow attorneys, and to the courts.

Pursuant to Section 23 of the Discipline and Disbarment Rules, it is ordered that a certified copy of this Public Censure be forwarded to the Superior Court of Burke County for entry upon the judgment docket and to the Supreme Court of North Carolina for entry in its minutes. This Public Censure will also be maintained as a permanent record in the judgment book of the North Carolina State Bar. Pursuant to policy adopted by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar on the taxing of costs in cases where discipline is entered by the Grievance Committee, you are hereby taxed \$50.00 as the administrative costs in this action.

This the 2nd day of June, 1987.


Joseph B. Cheshire, Jr., Chairman
The Grievance Committee