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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: PEGGIE A. SHORT-BOHANNON, BR #017561**  
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**LAW LICENSE OF MEMPHIS ATTORNEY SUSPENDED**

On August 13, 2001 the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order suspending the law license of Peggie A. Short-Bohannon for a period of one year. Ms. Short-Bohannon neglected her client=s case; charged an excessive fee; failed to withdraw from her client=s case, but abandoned his cause of action; failed to refund his fee paid in advance that had not been earned, and failed to adequately communicate with her client.

Disciplinary Counsel filed a petition for discipline pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Ms. Short-Bohannon filed no answer to the petition nor did she appear at the hearing in the matter. The hearing panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility recommended a one year suspension, and that the reinstatement of her license should be conditioned upon Ms. Short-Bohannon satisfying the requirements of Rule 9, Section 19 which requires that she obtain an order of reinstatement from the Supreme Court and either reimbursing to the complainant Rudell Pugh, Jr., the amount of the attorney=s fee he paid to Ms. Short-Bohannon or reimbursing the Lawyers= Fund for any sums paid to Mr. Pugh. Ms. Short-Bohannon did not appeal. The hearing panel found that it was an aggravating factor that Ms. Short-Bohannon engaged in a bad faith obstruction of the disciplinary proceedings by intentionally failing to comply with rules or orders of the disciplinary agency and further the panel found no mitigating factors to exist.

Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Ms. Short-Bohannon to notify by registered or certified mail all clients being represented in pending matters; all co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court=s order suspending her license. Section 18 also requires Ms. Short-Bohannon to deliver all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This disciplinary matter was held pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 8 and 9. In Tennessee suspended lawyers may, after the passage of their suspension, apply for reinstatement of their law licenses. However, to succeed these lawyers must carry their burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence that their reinstatement will not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or the administration of justice, or subversive to the public interest.

