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RE: EMILIA GREEN BALLENTINE, BPR #19957
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MEMPHIS LAWYER SUSPENDED FRM PRACTICE OF LAW

Emilia Green Ballentine, a Memphis attorney, has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law in this state by an Order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered on July 2, 2003. The Court suspended Ms. Ballentine based upon a petition filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility alleging that she failed to respond to Disciplinary Counsel or to the Board concerning a complaint of misconduct.

This suspension was issued pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, which requires, in part, attorneys to respond to complaints filed by the Board. Ms. Ballentine's law license is currently under an administrative suspension imposed by the Supreme Court on January 29, 2002 due to her failure to obtain mandatory continuing legal education in accordance with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 21. She is prohibited within the July 2, 2003 suspension order from practicing law in any form in Tennessee until she has demonstrated compliance under the rule regarding mandatory continuing legal education (including payment of all required fees), and until she has complied with all requirements of Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3.

Ballentine is precluded from representing any clients after July 2, 2003, and she shall cease to use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant or law clerk and shall not be present in or staff an office where the practice of law is conducted.

Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, and the Court's order require Ballentine to notify by registered or certified mail all clients represented in pending matters, all co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order of Suspension. Section 18 also requires Ballentine to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension shall remain in effect indefinitely until it is dissolved or amended by order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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