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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CARLA L. AREVALO, BPR #031003
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On October 30, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Carla L. Arevalo from the practice of law for a period of four (4) years with three (3) years active retroactive to her temporary suspension of January 11, 2018, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 Section 12.2. As a condition of reinstatement, Ms. Arevalo must pay restitution to her client, contact Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program for evaluation and reimburse the Board of Professional Responsibility for all costs in the disciplinary proceeding.

Ms. Arevalo, while suspended for non-payment of the annual registration fee and non-compliance with IOLTA reporting requirements, engaged in the unauthorized practice of law and accepted fees in two matters. After Ms. Arevalo was terminated, she failed to promptly return the files to her client as requested and refund any fees. Ms. Arevalo also failed to respond to the Board concerning the disciplinary complaint.

Ms. Arevalo admitted her conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.16(d) (declining or terminating representation); 5.5(a) (unauthorized practice of law); 8.1(b) (bar admission and disciplinary matters) and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Ms. Arevalo must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: CARLA L. AREVALO, BPR #031003
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2020-01472-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2018-2848-5-WM

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Carla L. Arevalo on April 6, 2018; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Ms. Arevalo on October 8, 2020; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on October 9, 2020; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea by the Executive Secretary of the Board dated October 9, 2020; upon consideration and approval by the Board on October 15, 2020; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

On January 11, 2018, Ms. Arevalo was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (Case No. M2018-00079-SC-BAR-BP). To date, Ms. Arevalo has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Carla L. Arevalo is suspended from the practice of law for four (4) years, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, with three (3) years active suspension retroactive to her temporary suspension of January 11, 2018, and the remainder on probation, subject to the following conditions of probation:

- (a) Ms. Arevalo shall contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) for evaluation within thirty (30) days of the entry of this order. If TLAP determines that a monitoring

agreement is appropriate, Ms. Arevalo shall comply with the terms and conditions of the TLAP monitoring agreement.

- (b) During the period of active suspension and probation, Ms. Arevalo shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation and which result in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7 and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Ms. Arevalo shall make restitution to the following individual within 60 days of the entry of the Order. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Ms. Arevalo shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount.

- (a) Rosemarie Moore – \$1,200.00

(3) In the event Ms. Arevalo fails to meet any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2.

(4) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Ms. Arevalo must have met all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(5) Additionally, Ms. Arevalo shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(7) Further, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered January 11, 2018, (Case No. M2018-00079-SC-BAR-BP) is hereby dissolved.

(8) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Arevalo shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$797.64 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(9) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM