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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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