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MEMPHIS LAWYER SUSPENDED FROM PRACTICE OF LAW

Rebecca C. Arnold, a Memphis attorney, has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law in this state by Order of the Supreme Court entered on February 3, 2005. The Court suspended Arnold based upon a petition filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility alleging that she failed to substantially comply with a contract she entered into with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program.

This suspension was issued pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. This rule provides that Arnold shall be precluded from accepting any new clients from the date of the issuance of the order and that she shall be precluded from representing existing clients thirty days after its issuance. Thirty days after the issuance of this order Arnold is precluded from representing any clients.

After March 5, 2005, Arnold shall furthermore not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant or law clerk, nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted. Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Arnold to notify by registered or certified mail all clients being represented in pending matters, all co-counsel and opposing counsel of her Supreme Court's Order suspending her. Section 18 also requires Arnold to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

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

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