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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: BARBARA SIMS ARTHUR, BPR# 4694
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CHATTANOOGA LAWYER SUSPENDED

On September 13, 2011, Barbara Sims Arthur was suspended from the practice of law for eighteen (18) months by the Tennessee Supreme Court. Of the eighteen (18) months, Ms. Arthur will be required to serve six (6) months as an active suspension with the remainder to be served on probation subject to several conditions.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline, Supplemental Petition for Discipline, and a Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Ms. Arthur pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee alleging that she was engaging in the unauthorized practice of law. On September 26, 2005, Ms. Arthur was administratively suspended in Tennessee for failing to pay registration fees. Ms. Arthur had also been suspended in Georgia for failure to pay similar fees on four prior occasions, thus making her ineligible to practice law anywhere from July 2008 until her reinstatement in Tennessee in April 2009. During the entire period of suspension, Ms. Arthur continued to file numerous bankruptcy cases and continued to represent clients.

A Hearing Panel determined that Ms. Arthur's conduct violated the following Disciplinary Rules and Rules of Professional Conduct: Disciplinary Rules 1-102(A)(1),(5), and (6) and Rule of Professional Conduct 5.5 (Unauthorized Practice of Law).

Ms. Arthur must comply with Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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