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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: BARBARA SIMS ARTHUR, BPR #4694**  
**CONTACT: ALAN D. JOHNSON**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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August 26, 2015

**HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On August 25, 2015, Barbara Sims Arthur of Chattanooga, Tennessee was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Arthur pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court based upon two complaints. In the first complaint, Ms. Arthur prepared two Chapter 13 Bankruptcy petitions, but was unable to file them because she had not been reinstated to practice in the Bankruptcy Court following a previous suspension. Ms. Arthur's clients signed the Petitions as *pro se* litigants, indicating they were not represented by counsel and Ms. Arthur filed them. In the second case, Ms. Arthur's client had been served with a detainer warrant. Ms. Arthur represented to opposing counsel that the Bankruptcy Court had issued an automatic stay, when her file revealed that the request for a stay had been denied.

The Hearing Panel found that Ms. Arthur violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence); 1.2 (scope of representation); 3.1 (meritorious claims and contentions); 3.3 (candor toward the tribunal); 4.1 (truthfulness in statements to others); and 8.4 (misconduct).

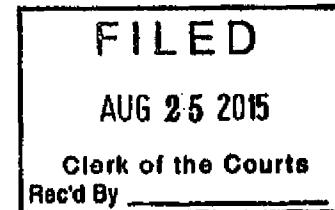
For these violations, the Tennessee Supreme Court publicly censured Barbara Sims Arthur. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: BARBARA SIMS ARTHUR, BPR #4694  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Hamilton County)

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No. M2015-01593-SC-BAR-BP  
BOPR No. 2013-2207-3-AJ  
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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Barbara Sims Arthur on April 24, 2013; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed on May 16, 2013; upon a hearing before the Hearing Panel held on June 8, 2015; upon Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on June 15, 2015; upon service of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on Ms. Arthur on June 15, 2015; upon consideration and approval by the Board on July 2, 2015; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the findings and conclusions of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Judgment as the Court's Order.

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

1. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §4.4 (2006), Barbara Sims Arthur is hereby publicly censured.
2. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3 (2006), Ms. Arthur shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,031.63 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.
3. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published.

PER CURIAM