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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: MELISSA ANN BAKER, BPR #035018**  
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**WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

Effective February 6, 2023, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Melissa Ann Baker from the practice of law for three (3) years, with one (1) year being active suspension pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, and the remainder served on probation conditioned upon the appointment of a practice monitor and compliance with any TLAP recommendations. Ms. Baker was also ordered to reimburse the Board of Professional Responsibility for the expenses and costs of this matter.

A Petition and Supplemental Petition for Discipline containing three complaints were filed by the Board against Ms. Baker. The Hearing Panel determined that Ms. Baker failed to file responses to a motion for Rule 11 sanctions and a motion for summary judgment, made material misrepresentations to the trial court during oral argument, failed to file responses to a motion for sanctions and a motion to compel resulting in the dismissal of the client's case and failed to timely produce information to opposing counsel and filed several inappropriate motions in the juvenile court.

The Panel determined the above conduct of Ms. Baker violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4(a) and (b) (communication), 3.1 (meritorious claims), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.3(a)(1) (candor toward tribunal), 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel), 4.2 (communication with a person represented by counsel), 4.4(a) (respect for rights of third persons), and 8.4 (a), (c) and (d) (misconduct).

Ms. Baker 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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