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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: LISA ZARZOUR BOWMAN, BPR #17972
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HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 22, 2018, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Lisa Zarzour Bowman from the practice of law for one (1) year with thirty (30) days being an active suspension and the remainder served on probation with the appointment of a practice monitor pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 12.2 and 12.9. In addition, Ms. Bowman must pay the Board's costs in the disciplinary proceeding.

On August 24, 2016, a Petition for Discipline containing one (1) complaint was filed against Ms. Bowman alleging lack of diligence, lack of communication, and incompetent representation. After a trial upon the merits, the Hearing Panel found Ms. Bowman (a) failed to timely prepare and file documents with the trial court for a period of nearly fifteen (15) months, failed to reasonably communicate with her client regarding changes made in the Final Decree of Divorce previously approved by the client and filed a Final Decree of Divorce not approved by the client which omitted a material term negotiated by the client with her husband. Ms. Bowman's unethical conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 3.2 (expediting litigation) and 8.4 (misconduct).

Ms. Bowman 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 may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.

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