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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ANDREWNETTA MELISSA BOYD, BPR #25894**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

December 21, 2015

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On December 21, 2015, Andrewnetta Melissa Boyd, of Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for one (1) year, with thirty (30) days to be served as active suspension and the remainder on probation. As conditions of probation, Ms. Boyd must have a practice monitor and undergo an evaluation by Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program (TLAP) and enter into a monitoring agreement if deemed appropriate by TLAP. Ms. Boyd must also pay restitution to a client. The suspension begins on December 21, 2015. Ms. Boyd must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Ms. Boyd failed to act with diligence in the handling of a petition to change custody, failed to deposit an unearned fee in a trust account and failed to refund the fee when terminated prior to performing the work.

Ms. Boyd's actions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.15(c) (safekeeping property and funds), 1.16(d) (declining or terminating representation), and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Ms. Boyd must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

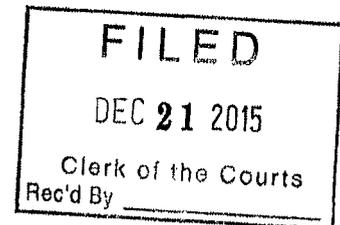
**IN RE: ANDREWNETTA MELISSA BOYD, BPR #25894**

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

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**No. M2015-02397-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2015-2436-9-WM

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Andrewnetta Melissa Boyd on April 6, 2015; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Ms. Boyd on November 23, 2015; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on December 1, 2015; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 11, 2015; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

On September 29, 2015, Ms. Boyd was administratively suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 26 (Case No. ADM2015-00008). To date, Ms. Boyd has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement.

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

(1) Andrewnetta Melissa Boyd is suspended for one (1) year with thirty (30) days to be served as an active suspension, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2 (2014), and the remainder to be served on probation, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.1 (2014), subject to the following conditions of probation:

- (a) Ms. Boyd shall engage a practice monitor for the entire period of probation. Ms. Boyd shall provide a list of potential practice monitors for selection by the Board within fifteen (15) days of entry of this order.

- (b) The practice monitor shall submit monthly reports to the Board addressing the following areas: assessment of case load, timeliness of tasks, and adequacy of communication between Ms. Boyd and her clients.
- (c) Ms. Boyd shall contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) for evaluation. If TLAP determines that a monitoring agreement is appropriate, Ms. Boyd shall comply with the terms and conditions of the TLAP monitoring agreement.
- (d) During the period of suspension and probation, Ms. Boyd shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation and which results in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7 (2014), and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Ms. Boyd shall make restitution to Odell Evers in the amount of \$1,000.00 and shall furnish to the Board of Professional Responsibility proof of restitution. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Ms. Boyd shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount.

(3) In the event Ms. Boyd fails to meet any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2 (2014).

(4) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Ms. Boyd must meet all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(5) Additionally, Ms. Boyd shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(6) Further, the administrative suspension entered on September 29, 2015 in Case No. ADM2015-00008 shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

(7) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1 (2014), this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(8) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d) (2014), Ms. Boyd shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$944.97 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.

(9) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11 (2014).

PER CURIAM