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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: VALERIE T. CORDER, BPR #9148**  
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November 21, 2012

**MEMPHIS LAWYER CENSURED**

On November 20, Valerie Corder of Memphis, Tennessee, was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Corder pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court. Ms. Corder submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging violation of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.6 (terminating representation) and 8.4 (misconduct).

Ms. Corder did not promptly withdraw after her client testified falsely at a deposition. At a subsequent hearing, Ms. Corder did not rely on the false testimony but did not correct the deposition testimony because the hearing was unexpectedly adjourned prior to its completion. Ms. Corder did not thereafter move to withdraw from representing that client.

For these violations, the Tennessee Supreme Court publicly censured Valerie Corder. 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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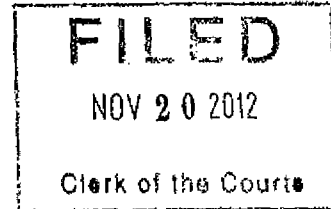
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE **VALERIE T. CORDER, BOPR # 009148**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

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No. M2012-02426-SC-BPR-BP  
BOPR No. 2010-1980-9-SG  
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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on October 22, 2010, and an Amended Petition for Discipline on March 16, 2012, by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Valerie T. Corder ("Respondent") in Docket No. 2010-1980-9-SG; upon Ms. Corder's Answer filed April 11, 2011; upon Ms. Corder's Conditional Guilty Plea filed October 16, 2012; upon the Hearing Panel's Order of Recommendation of the Conditional Guilty Plea filed November 7, 2012; upon the Board's consideration and approval of the Hearing Panel's Order on November 9, 2012; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of Recommendation of Conditional Guilty Plea filed by the Hearing Panel and adopts the Order as the Court's Order.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that:

1. Valerie T. Corder is publicly censured.
2. This Order shall become effective ten (10) days after filing.
3. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Ms. Corder shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$3,878.28 and, in addition, 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.
4. The Board shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:



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WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE