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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: SHARON ELIZABETH ENGLAND, BPR #18642
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## WILLIAMSON COUNTY ATTORNEY DISBARRED

On September 14, 2015, Sharon Elizabeth England was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court. The disbarment took effect immediately. Further, Ms. England must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline based upon two complaints of misconduct. In the first complaint, Ms. England failed to appear at a status hearing and the case was dismissed. She failed to notify her client of the dismissal. In the second complaint, Ms. England failed to respond to a motion to dismiss, failed to appear at the hearing and the case was dismissed. She failed to notify her client of the dismissal. Ms. England abandoned her practice. She also failed to respond to requests for information from the Board.

A Hearing Panel found Ms. England's actions violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 8.1(b), Bar Admissions and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a), Misconduct.

Ms. England was previously suspended for failing to respond to requests for information from the Board on August 13, 2013, for failing to comply with continuing legal education requirements on August 25, 2014, and for a student loan default on May 15, 2015. To date, Ms. England has not been reinstated from her previous suspensions.

Ms. England must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30 (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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