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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: TA KISHA FITZGERALD, BPR #19381
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April 17, 2013

#### KNOXVILLE LAWYER CENSURED

On April 16, 2013, Ta Kisha Fitzgerald of Knoxville, Tennessee, received a public censure from the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Fitzgerald pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. Ms. Fitzgerald submitted a conditional guilty plea acknowledging violations of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 3.4(d), Fairness to the Opposing Party and Counsel; 3.8(d), Special Responsibilities of a Prosecutor; and 8.4(a) and (d), Misconduct. In her capacity as an Assistant District Attorney, Ms. Fitzgerald failed to make a timely disclosure to the defense of letters written by the defendant and of phone calls by the defendant.

A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

## IN RE: TA KISHA M. FITZGERALD, BPR #19381

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

No. M2013-00910-SC-BPR-BP BOPR No. 2013-2191-2-KH FILED
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### ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Ta Kisha M. Fitzgerald on February 25, 2013; upon Ms. Fitzgerald's Conditional Guilty Plea filed March 20, 2013; upon the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Plea filed for record on April 1, 2013; upon the Board's approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea on April 4, 2013; and from 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. Ta Kisha M. Fitzgerald is publicly censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.4.
- 2. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Ms. Fitzgerald shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$311.91. In addition, Ms. Fitzgerald 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.
- 3. The Board shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

CORNELIA A, CLARK, JUSTICE