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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CARLA ANN KENT FORD, BPR #014312
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RUTHERFORD COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On October 2, 2018, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Carla Ann Kent Ford from the practice of law for five (5) years. Ms. Ford must pay restitution to two former clients as a condition of reinstatement to the practice of law. Ms. Ford must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days.

On August 11, 2017, the Board filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Ford containing three complaints of misconduct. The complaints allege Ms. Ford failed to communicate and diligently represent her clients, and in two of the cases failed to provide written fee agreements. Further, following Ms. Ford's summary suspension in May 2016, Ms. Ford failed to adequately notify her client of her suspension. Ms. Ford did not respond to the Petition for Discipline and an Order for Default Judgment was entered against Ms. Ford.

Ms. Ford's misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 1.5(a) and (f) (Fees), and 1.16(d) (Terminating Representation).

Ms. Ford must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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