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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PATRICIA STOLINSKY GRAVES, BPR #26617
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WILSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On June 21, 2017, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Patricia Stolinsky Graves from the practice of law for five (5) years pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2. Ms. Graves must pay restitution to seventeen former clients as a condition of reinstatement to the practice of law. Ms. Graves must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days.

On November 16, 2015, the Board filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Graves. On February 23, 2016, the Board filed a Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Ms. Graves. On October 3, 2016, the Board filed a Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Ms. Graves. Ms. Graves entered a Conditional Guilty Plea which included six additional investigative files admitting her misconduct.

The allegations in the Petitions for Discipline and the six (6) investigative files include overdrafts of Respondent's IOLTA account and failure to maintain proper records of the IOLTA account, lack of competence, diligence and communication, excessive fees, improper termination, failure to expedite litigation, lack of candor toward a tribunal, unauthorized practice of law, dishonesty, conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, and failure to comply with court orders.

Ms. Graves' misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2, Scope of Representation; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5, Fees; 1.15, Safekeeping Property; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 3.3, Candor Toward the Tribunal; 3.4, Fairness to Opposing Party; 5.5, Unauthorized Practice of Law; 8.1, Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4, Misconduct.

Ms. Graves must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities suspended attorneys.