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NASHVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

Linda Diane Schlanger Harris, a Nashville lawyer, was summarily suspended from the practice of law by the Tennessee Supreme Court on September 6, 2006. Ms. Harris pled guilty to a serious crime, i.e., the offense of conspiracy to defraud mortgage loan companies and financial institutions.

Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Ms. Harris to notify by registered or certified mail all clients being represented in pending matters; all co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending her. Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 also requires Ms. Harris to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled. Ms. Harris is further prohibited from maintaining a presence where the practice of law is conducted and required to remove and refrain from use of any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, law clerk or similar title.

The Court further ordered that this matter be referred to the Board of Professional Responsibility for institution of a formal proceeding in which the sole issue to be determined shall be the extent of the final discipline to be imposed as a result of Ms. Harris' guilty plea.

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