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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: RHONDA D. HOOKS, BPR# 21886**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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September 26, 2011

**COLUMBIA LAWYER CENSURED**

On September 22, 2011, Rhonda D. Hooks of Columbia, Tennessee was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court. Ms. Hooks submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging violation of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 3.2 (expediting litigation); and 8.4 (misconduct).

For these violations, the Tennessee Supreme Court publicly censured Rhonda Hooks. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**FILED**  
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**RHONDA D. HOOKS, BPR #21886**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Maury County)

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Rhonda D. Hooks on February 16, 2010; upon Rhonda Hooks' Answer to Petition for Discipline filed March 3, 2010; upon Ms. Hooks' Conditional Guilty Plea filed July 22, 2011; upon the Hearing Panel Order Approving the Conditional Guilty Plea filed August 4, 2011; upon Board approval of Ms. Hooks' Conditional Guilty Plea on September 9, 2011 and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Order of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

It is therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Rhonda D. Hooks is publicly censured.
2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, Rhonda Hooks shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,577.20, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
3. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

4. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten days after the date of entry.

For the Court:

  
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WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that  
this is a true and exact copy of the original

Filed in the cause.

This 23 day of Sept., 20 11

By:  Clerk of Court D.C.