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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ANGELA JOY HOPSON, BPR #022500**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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September 13, 2018

**MADISON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On September 13, 2018, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Angela Joy Hopson from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years, with thirty (30) days served as active suspension and the remainder on probation. Ms. Hopson is required to engage a practice monitor during the probationary period and to pay the costs of the disciplinary proceeding. The suspension is effective immediately.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Hopson based upon one (1) complaint of ethical misconduct arising from her representation of a criminal defendant. A hearing panel determined that Ms. Hopson failed to properly manage communication with her client who was incarcerated, causing the client and his family to contact the trial court on multiple occasions with their complaints.

Ms. Hopson's misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4(a)(3) and (4), (Communication). Ms. Hopson must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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**IN RE: ANGELA JOY HOPSON, BPR #022500**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Madison County)

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**No. M2018-01465-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2017-2709-7-KH

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Angela Joy Hopson on April 25, 2017; upon Response to Petition for Discipline filed by Ms. Hopson on June 12, 2017; upon the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment entered by the hearing panel on May 4, 2018; upon service of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Judgment on Ms. Hopson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on May 4, 2018; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed May 7, 2018; upon the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered June 4, 2018; upon service of the Findings and Judgment on Assessment of Costs on Ms. Hopson on June 4, 2018; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 8, 2018; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves and adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgment of the hearing panel as the Court's Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Angela Joy Hopson is suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years, with thirty (30) days served as active suspension and the remainder on probation, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 12.2 and 14.1, subject to the following conditions of probation:

- (a) Ms. Hopson shall have a practice monitor at her expense for the entire period of probation. The practice monitor shall meet with Ms. Hopson no less than one (1) face to face meeting per month, one (1) phone meeting every week. Texting is not permitted for the phone meeting;

- (b) The practice monitor shall review basic office procedures such as scheduling, case management, time management, deadlines, fee agreements and/or engagement letters, financial management of her office including arrangement of a business account and/or trust account; and
- (c) Ms. Hopson must submit three (3) practice monitor candidates to the Board pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9.

(3) During the period of suspension and probation, Ms. Hopson shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation and which results in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed.

(4) In the event Ms. Hopson fails to meet any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2.

(5) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Ms. Hopson must have met all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(6) Additionally, Ms. Hopson shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(7) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(8) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Hopson shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,882.63 and 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.

(9) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.

PER CURIAM