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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: SHANNON A. JONES, BPR# 018739**  
**CONTACT: KRISANN HODGES**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

January 4, 2012

**CROCKETT COUNTY ATTORNEY SUSPENDED**

On December 22, 2011, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended the Tennessee law license of Shannon A. Jones pursuant to Section 14 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Court suspended Mr. Jones' law license in light of his plea to a serious crime, to wit: conspiracy to manufacture and possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1) and 21 U.S.C. 846.

The Supreme Court further ordered the Board of Professional Responsibility to institute a formal proceeding to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed as a result of the serious crimes. Mr. Jones was ordered to fully comply with the provisions of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, which requires, in part, the notification of all clients by registered or certified mail, all co-counsel, all opposing counsel and opposing parties without counsel of the Supreme Court's order of suspension. Section 18 also requires that Mr. Jones deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension shall remain in effect until it is dissolved or amended by order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

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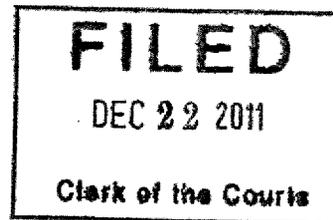
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE SHANNON A. JONES, BPR #018739**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Crockett County)

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No. M2011-02713-SC-BPR-BP  
BOPR No. 2011-2091-8-KH(14)  
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**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14 upon a certificate filed by Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility consisting of a certified copy of a Plea entered in the United States District Court, Western District of Tennessee, No. 11-CR-10054 (attached hereto as Exhibit A), demonstrating that on October 25, 2011, Shannon A. Jones, a Tennessee attorney, pled guilty to a charge involving a serious crime, to wit: conspiracy to manufacture and possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1) and 21 U.S.C. 846.

It is, therefore, ordered, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14, that Shannon A. Jones, is suspended from the practice of law on this date pending further orders of this Court.

It is further ordered that this matter be referred to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the 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 the conviction.

It is further ordered that Shannon A. Jones, shall fully comply with the provisions of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18, concerning disbarred or suspended attorneys.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Koch, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that  
this is a true and exact copy of the original  
Order  
filed in the cause.  
This 22 day of December, 20 11  
CLERK OF COURT  
By: Lia Marsh D.C.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
EASTERN DIVISION

WESTERN DISTRICT OF TN  
FILED IN OPEN COURT:

DATE: 10/25/11  
TIME: 9:28am  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 V. )  
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 SHANNON JONES, )  
 )  
 Defendant. )

Cr. No. 11-CR-10054

PLEA AGREEMENT

Come now the parties herein, the defendant, SHANNON JONES, being represented by counsel, C. MARK DONAHOE, and the United States, being represented by DAVID C. HENRY, Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee and hereby agree as follows:

1. The following plea agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and the parties agree that any issues not specifically addressed by this plea agreement shall be resolved by the Court in accordance with the applicable statutes, guidelines, rules and case law.
2. The defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment in the above-styled cause charging the defendant with Conspiracy to Manufacture and Possess

EXHIBIT

A

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY  
THOMAS M. GOULD, CLERK  
BY: *[Signature]*  
DEPUTY CLERK

with the Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance ending February 3, 2011. The defendant will pay the \$100.00 special assessment prior to sentencing. The government agrees to dismiss the any remaining counts at sentencing.

3. There is no agreement as to the appropriate criminal history of the defendant, or whether or not the defendant is a career offender, or whether or not the defendant is an armed career criminal.

4. Should it be judged by the Government that the defendant has committed or attempted to commit any additional crimes or has engaged in any conduct constituting, obstructing or impeding justice within the meaning of United States Sentencing Guidelines Section 3C1.1 or has failed to make any court appearances in this case, from the date of the defendant's signing of this plea agreement to the date of the defendant's sentencing, or if the defendant attempts to withdraw his plea, the Government will be released from its obligations and would become free to argue for any sentence within statutory limits. Such a breach by the defendant would not release the defendant from this plea of guilty.

5. Based on the defendant's anticipated future assistance to the Government, it is contemplated that the Government may recommend to the Court a departure in the defendant's sentence pursuant to U.S. Sentencing Guidelines § 5K1.1 and 18 U.S.C. § 3553(e). This would be solely within the discretion of the Government and is not

part of the plea agreement. Substantial assistance is understood by both parties to require good faith during all phases of the cooperation period, including the defendant's provision of complete and truthful information which assists in the investigation or prosecution of other individuals and complete and truthful testimony at subsequent proceedings when needed. The defendant acknowledges that the Government's determination of whether the defendant has cooperated fully and provided substantial assistance, and the Government's assessment of the value, truthfulness and completeness of the defendant's assistance, is solely within the judgement and discretion of the Government and shall be binding upon the defendant.

6. The parties agree that the Government will recommend that the defendant receive a full reduction for acceptance of responsibility under U.S. Sentencing Guidelines § 3E1.1, providing the defendant commits no new criminal offenses and continues to demonstrate an affirmative acceptance of responsibility, including acknowledging guilt in open court to the facts as set out in the indictment. However, the defendant understands that whether or not acceptance of responsibility is granted is a matter to be determined by the district court. Failure of the district court to grant acceptance of responsibility is not a basis for the defendant to withdraw his guilty plea or to appeal his sentence.

7. The parties agree that the Government will recommend the Defendant be

sentenced at the low end of the applicable guideline range. However, the defendant understands that whether or not the Defendant is sentenced at the low end of the applicable guideline range is a matter to be determined by the district court. Failure of the district court to sentence the Defendant at the lowest end of the applicable guideline range is not a basis for the Defendant to withdraw his guilty plea or to appeal his sentence.

8. The defendant is aware that 18 U.S.C. § 3742 affords him the right to appeal the sentence imposed in this case. Acknowledging this, in exchange for the undertakings made by the United States in this plea agreement, the defendant hereby waives all rights conferred by 18 U.S.C. § 3742 to appeal any sentence imposed, including any restitution order, or to appeal the manner in which the sentence was imposed, unless the sentence exceeds the maximum permitted by statute or is the result of an upward departure from the guideline range that the court establishes at sentencing. The defendant further understands that nothing in this agreement shall affect the government's right and/or duty to appeal as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742(b). However, if the United States appeals the defendant's sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3742(b), the defendant shall be released from the above waiver of appellate rights. By signing this agreement, the defendant acknowledges that he has discussed the appeal waiver set forth in this agreement with his attorney. The

defendant further agrees, together with the United States, to request that the district court enter a specific finding that the defendant's waiver of his right to appeal the sentence to be imposed in this case was knowing and voluntary.

9. The defendant agrees to waive his right to challenge his conviction and sentence, and the manner in which the sentence was determined, and (in any case in which the term of imprisonment and fine are within the maximums provided by statute) his attorney's alleged failure or refusal to file a notice of appeal, in any collateral attack or future challenge, including but not limited to a motion brought under Title 28, United States Code, Section 2255.

10. The defendant understands and agrees that the Court will make the final determination of facts as to any sentence and as to any mitigating or aggravating factors concerning the sentence to be imposed. Adverse rulings by the Court shall not be grounds for the withdrawal of the defendant's guilty plea or to appeal any sentence imposed. The Court is not limited to consideration of the facts and events provided by the Government.

11. There are no other agreements between and among the parties to this agreement. The defendant is satisfied that all acts and/or any omissions of counsel for the defense have been the result of reasonable professional judgment and that defendant has been provided adequate legal representation in this case. The

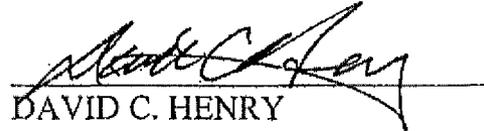
defendant enters this agreement freely, knowingly, and voluntarily, and upon the advice of counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD L. STANTON, III  
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SHANNON JONES  
Defendant

10-25-2011  
Date