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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: VANESSA G. KEELER, BPR# 20481**  
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September 29, 2010

**MEMPHIS LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On September 24, 2010, Vanessa G. Keeler of Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court. Ms. Keeler's actual suspension will be three (3) months with the remainder of the suspension period served on probation. Ms. Keeler was also ordered to pay restitution to four clients.

Ms. Keeler violated disciplinary rules in ten (10) separate client matters that demonstrated a pattern of delay and lack of diligence. Ms. Keeler's actions violated former Disciplinary Rules 1-102, 2-110, 6-101 and 7-101, and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence), 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 1.15 (Safekeeping Property), 1.16 (Declining and Terminating Representation), 3.1 (Meritorious Claims and Contentions), 3.3 (Candor Toward the Tribunal), 3.4 (Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel), 4.1 (Truthfulness and Candor in Statements to Others), 5.4 (Professional Independence of a Lawyer), 8.1 (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters) and 8.4 (Misconduct).

Ms. Keeler was further ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against her, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 24.3, of the Rules of the Supreme Court, and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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