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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: VANESSA LYNN LEMONS, BPR #23307
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## KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On June 21, 2013, Vanessa Lynn Lemons, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Lemons was appointed to defend a client in several criminal cases. Because Ms. Lemons did not appear for Court hearings or communicate with her client, she was removed from the cases. Ms. Lemons has failed to respond to this complaint of misconduct, but is currently serving a four year suspension pursuant to Supreme Court Order filed January 25, 2013.

By these acts, Vanessa Lynn Lemons, has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16 (terminating representation), and 8.1 (responding to disciplinary authority) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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