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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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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT II
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: Vanessa Lynn Lemons, BPR NO. 23307
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

FILE NO. 35226-2-BG

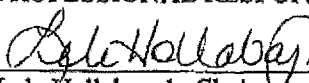
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Vanessa Lynn Lemons, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on September 21, 2012.

On April 6, 2011, the Respondent was appointed to defend the client in several criminal cases. Because the Respondent did not appear for Court hearings or communicate with her client, the Respondent was removed from the cases on May 1, 2012. The Respondent has failed to respond to this complaint of misconduct.

By the aforementioned 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.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Lela Hollabaugh, Chair



Date