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MEMPHIS ATTORNEY CENSURED

On October 13, 2011, Venita M. Martin of Memphis, Tennessee was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Martin pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court. Ms. Martin, through counsel, submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging violations of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.7 (conflict of interest); 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel); and 8.4 (misconduct).

For these violations, the Tennessee Supreme Court publicly censured Venita M. Martin. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

FILED
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Clerk of the Courts

VENITA M. MARTIN, BPR # 017469
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2011-02185-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2011-2012-9-SG

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Venita M. Martin on February 9, 2011; upon the Board's Motion for Default filed April 26, 2011; upon the Hearing Panel's June 17, 2011 Order granting the Board's Motion for Default; upon Venita Martin's Conditional Guilty Plea filed September 21, 2011; and upon the Hearing Panel Order Approving the Conditional Plea filed September 29, 2011; upon Board approval of Venita Martin's Conditional Guilty Plea on October 6, 2011, and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Order of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** by the Court that:

1. The Respondent Venita M. Martin is publicly censured.
2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, Venita Martin shall pay to the Board of Professional the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$621.60, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
3. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.
4. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

FOR THE COURT:

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original
filed in the cases.
This 13 day of Oct 2011
BY: *[Signature]*
CLERK OF COURT

[Signature]
WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE