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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: VENITA MARIE MARTIN, BPR #17469**  
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November 13, 2014

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On November 13, 2014, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Venita Marie Martin from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Martin has failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases of an attorney's failure to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct.

Effective November 13, 2014, Ms. Martin is precluded from accepting any new cases, and she must cease representing existing clients by December 13, 2014. After December 13, 2014, Ms. Martin shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Ms. Martin must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending her law license. Ms. Martin is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Ms. Martin may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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