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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: DANA L. NERO, BPR# 25042**  
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**NASHVILLE LAWYER RECEIVES PROBATED SUSPENSION**

On January 12, 2010, Dana L. Nero of Nashville, 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. However, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 8.5, the imposition of the suspension shall be suspended and Ms. Nero shall be placed on probation for a period of one (1) year.

Ms. Nero violated disciplinary rules by making misleading statements to a bonding company as a result of her arrest on drug related charges. Ms. Nero subsequently completed a pre-trial diversion program. Ms. Nero's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2 (Scope of the Representation and the Allocation of Authority Between the Lawyer and Client), 4.1 (Truthfulness and Candor in Statements to Others), and 8.4 (Misconduct).

Ms. Nero was further ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against her, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.7, 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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