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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: DANA L. NERO, BPR #25042**  
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October 23, 2013

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On October 22, 2013, Dana L. Nero, of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for three (3) years, with eleven (11) months and twenty-nine (29) days as an active suspension retroactive to June 11, 2012, and the remainder probated. Ms. Nero was ordered to comply with her Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) Monitoring Agreement signed on November 29, 2012. Finally, Ms. Nero must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on April 2, 2013, alleging that Ms. Nero advised a witness that the witness did not have to appear in court even though she had been subpoenaed, that she failed to communicate with a client and provide him with his file following his conviction, and that she accepted a fee for which she did not perform any service. Ms. Nero entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting to the misconduct.

Ms. Nero's actions violated RPC 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.16(a), and (d), (terminating representation); 3.4 (g) (fairness to opposing party and counsel); 4.3 (dealing with unrepresented person); 4.4 (a) (1) (respect for rights of third persons); 8.1(a) (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and; 8.4(a), (d) and (g) (misconduct).

Ms. Nero must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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