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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: RUCHEE PATEL, BPR# 26521
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SHELBY COUNTY ATTORNEY ON PROBATION

On October 25, 2011, the Supreme Court suspended Ruchee Patel, of Memphis, Tennessee, for nine (9) months with all time probated subject to several conditions. Ms. Patel must engage a practice monitor who shall be charged with reviewing and monitoring Ms. Patel's office practices on a monthly basis. The practice monitor shall focus on office management practice, case deadlines, and client communication. Failure to comply with the terms of probation may result in revocation of the probationary period and imposition of active suspension for the entire nine (9) month period.

Ms. Patel repeatedly failed to timely file appellate briefs in her six (6) criminal appeal cases. She also failed to comply with the rules and orders of the Criminal Court of Appeals directing Ms. Patel to satisfy deadlines in filings. Ms. Patel's actions violate Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Sections 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.4(c) (knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal), and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice).

Ms. Patel was further ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against her, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 24.3, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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