

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: RUCHEE PATEL, BPR #26521
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2011-02278-SC-BPR-BP

BOPR No. 2011-2025-9-KB

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel against Ruchee Patel, on March 18, 2011; upon an Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed by Respondent on April 7, 2011; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea executed by Respondent on October 3, 2011, and filed with the Board on October 13, 2011; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered by the Hearing Panel on October 17, 2011; upon the Board's approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea on October 20, 2011; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and accepts the Conditional Guilty Plea.

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

1. Respondent, Ruchee Patel, shall be and is hereby suspended from the practice of law for nine (9) months, pursuant to Tenn. S. Ct. R. 9, §4.2. However, pursuant to Tenn. S. Ct. R. 9, §8.5, the period of suspension shall be fully probated.
2. The period of probation is subject to the following conditions:
 - a) During the nine (9) month probation, Respondent shall employ, at her own expense, a Law Practice Monitor. In the first month of the probation period, the Law Practice Monitor will meet with the Respondent to discuss good office management practices and make suggestions on improving the Respondent's management of her law practice.

- b) The Law Practice Monitor shall also meet monthly with Respondent to review all of Respondent's open case files to ensure (1) that Respondent is meeting all deadlines in each case and (2) communicating candidly and timely with each of her clients. The Law Practice Monitor shall provide monthly reports to Disciplinary Counsel detailing Respondent's compliance with these conditions.

3. Failure of Respondent to comply with the terms of probation may result in a revocation of the probationary period pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 8.5, and imposition of the entirety of the nine (9) month suspension pursuant to the terms of Respondent's Conditional Guilty Plea.

4. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$ 461.67, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

5. The Board shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE