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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: YARBORO ANN SALLEE, BPR #16884
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KNOX COUNTY LAWYER PLACED ON DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS

By Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered November 18, 2015, the law license of Yarboro Ann Sallee was transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period of time pursuant to Section 27.4 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Court transferred Ms. Sallee to disability inactive status after Ms. Sallee gave notice to the Board of Professional Responsibility that she suffers from a disability which prevents her from defending herself against a disciplinary complaint. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 27.4(a), the Supreme Court referred this matter to a hearing panel for the Board to determine Ms. Sallee's capacity to continue the practice of law and to respond to or defend against the pending disciplinary complaint.

On July 23, 2015, Ms. Sallee's license to practice law was suspended by the Supreme Court of Tennessee for one year after a hearing panel determined Ms. Sallee had violated Rules of Professional Conduct. The Order transferring Ms. Sallee to disability inactive status does not affect her disciplinary suspension.

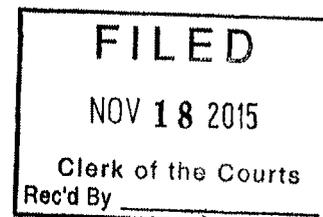
Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28.1, the Order transferring Ms. Sallee to disability inactive status is effective upon entry, and Ms. Sallee is prohibited from engaging in the practice law after November 18, 2015. Ms. Sallee may petition for removal of disability inactive status pursuant to Tenn. Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 27.7.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: YARBORO ANN SALLEE, BPR #16884
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M2015-02197-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2015-2509-2-AW(27)



**ORDER TRANSFERRING ATTORNEY TO
DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS**

This matter is before the Court upon a Notice of Contention of Disability filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility (Board) pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 27.4 and 27.2.

Upon due consideration of correspondence from Ms. Yarboro Ann Sallee contending she suffers from complex post-traumatic stress disorder and depression such that she is unable to defend against a pending Petition for Discipline,

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

1. The law license of Yarboro Ann Sallee shall be transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period of time and until further orders of the Supreme Court.

2. Within ten (10) days of the entry of this Order, Ms. Sallee shall, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.2, contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) for an evaluation to determine Ms. Sallee's capacity to practice law and her capacity to respond to or defend against the pending Petition for Discipline. The evaluation shall be completed within a reasonable period of time and the results of which shall be made available to the Board.

3. In the event TLAP is unable to conduct an appropriate evaluation of Ms. Sallee, TLAP shall provide Ms. Sallee and the Board with the names of at least two (2) medical experts qualified and willing to conduct an appropriate examination under Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.2. Within ten (10) days of TLAP furnishing the names of the medical experts, Ms. Sallee shall contact the medical experts for an appropriate examination. The examination shall be completed within a reasonable period of time and the results of which shall be made available to the Board.

4. This matter shall be referred to a Hearing Panel for a formal hearing, if necessary, to determine Ms. Sallee's capacity to continue to practice law and to respond to or defend against the disciplinary complaint pending in the Board's Docket No. 2015-2471-2-AW. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.4(a), the burden of proof at the hearing shall rest upon Ms. Sallee and shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.

5. The Petition for Discipline proceedings, Docket No. 2015-2471-2-AW, shall be suspended pending the determination of Ms. Sallee's ability to respond to or defend against the Petition for Discipline. In the event Ms. Sallee does not comply with paragraphs two (2) and three (3) of this Order, the Board may seek dissolution of the stay of the pending disciplinary proceeding.

6. Ms. Sallee shall be allowed to petition for removal of disability inactive status pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.7.

7. The Board shall publish notice of this transfer pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 27.5 and 28.11.

8. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 32.4, documents other than this Order relating to Ms. Sallee's disability proceeding shall not be public records and shall be kept confidential.

PER CURIAM