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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ALISA L. SIMMONS, BPR# 022580
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October 28, 2010

### MEMPHIS LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On October 21, 2010, the Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended the law license of Alisa L. Simmons, a Memphis attorney, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Ms. Simmons' law license because of her failure to respond to the Board concerning a complaint of misconduct.

Pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.3, Ms. Simmons cannot accept new clients or undertake any new representation. She may represent existing clients for thirty (30) days, after which she cannot represent them. Ms. Simmons may file an application with the Tennessee Supreme Court requesting a dissolution or modification of the temporary suspension order. If she makes such an application, a hearing to consider whether the suspension should be continued, modified or dissolved will be conducted before a panel consisting of two (2) members of the Board and one Hearing Committee member.

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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: ALISA L. SIMMONS, BPR NO. 022586 lerk of the Courts

An Attorney Licensed To Practice Law In Tennessee (Shelby County)

No. M2010 - 02184 - SC-BPR-BP BOPR No. 2010-1978-9-56 (4.8)

#### ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Alisa L. Simmons from the practice of law, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Rachel L. Waterhouse, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Alisa L. Simmons, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

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

- 1. That Alisa L. Simmons is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
- 2. That Alisa L. Simmons shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
- 3. That Alisa L. Simmons may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9.
- 4. That the Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Alisa L. Simmons to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

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CHIEF JUSTICE

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