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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ALISA SIMMONS, BPR# 22580**  
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November 10, 2011

**SHELBY COUNTY ATTORNEY SUSPENDED**

On November 7, 2011, the Supreme Court suspended Alisa Simmons, of Memphis, Tennessee, for one (1) year pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court. Ms. Simmons' suspension will be retroactive to her October 21, 2010, temporary suspension. As conditions for reinstatement, Ms. Simmons must maintain compliance with her TLAP Monitoring Agreement and provide restitution to a former client in the amount of \$1,376.50.

Ms. Simmons failed to take action on behalf of a client after she voluntarily ceased the practice of law. Ms. Simmons failed to adequately communicate with her client and failed to promptly return unearned fees and costs. Ms. Simmons also failed to respond to disciplinary counsel concerning the complaint against her. Ms. Simmons' actions violate Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Sections 1.3 (diligence), 1.16 (terminating representation), and 8.1(b) (disciplinary matters).

Ms. Simmons was further ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against her, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys as set forth in Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.

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