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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ALISA SIMMONS, BPR# 22580**  
**CONTACT: KEVIN D. BALKWILL**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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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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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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OCT 27 2011

Clerk of the Courts

**IN RE: ALISA LASHELLE SIMMONS, BPR #22580**

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

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No. M2011-02298-SC-BPR-BP

BOPR No. 2011-2033-9-KB

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel against Alisa Simmons, on April 13, 2011; upon an Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed by Respondent on August 30, 2011; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea executed by Respondent on September 29, 2011, and filed with the Board on October 4, 2011; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered by the Hearing Panel on October 13, 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.

Respondent was suspended for failure to pay annual registration fees to the Board on August 14, 2009. Respondent was suspended for noncompliance with continuing legal education on September 4, 2009. Respondent was suspended for failure to respond to a disciplinary complaint pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3, on October 19, 2010. Lastly, Respondent was suspended for failure to pay her professional privilege taxes pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 32, on December 3, 2010. To date, Respondent has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement.

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

1. Respondent, Alisa Simmons, shall be and is hereby suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §4.2. Respondent's suspension shall be retroactive to her temporary suspension on October 19, 2010.
2. As conditions for reinstatement, Respondent must maintain compliance with her TLAP Monitoring Agreement and provide restitution to Markenia Sims in the amount of \$1,376.50.

3. Respondent shall comply in all respects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

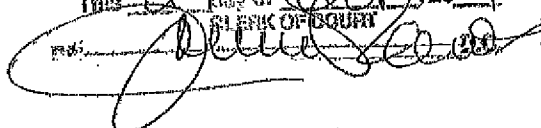
4. Upon entry of this Order, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered October 19, 2010, is hereby dissolved.

5. 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 \$718.34, 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.

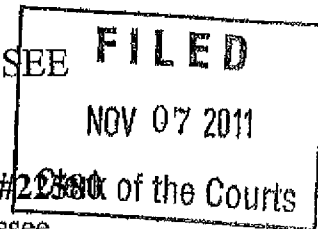
6. The Board shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

  
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WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that  
this is a true and exact copy of the original  
Filed in the 27 day of Oct, 20 11  
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CLERK OF COURT  


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AT NASHVILLE



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An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
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**AMENDED ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

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