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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JUDITH-ANNE ROSS ST. CLAIR, BPR #034024
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COFFEE COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On July 20, 2018, Judith-Anne Ross St. Clair was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for three (3) years, with six (6) months to be served as an active suspension, and the remainder to be served on probation subject to the following: Ms. St. Clair must continue to be in compliance with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) monitoring agreement and follow any and all recommendation; make restitution prior to seeking reinstatement; engage a practice monitor; and commit no further acts of misconduct resulting in a recommendation of discipline. Ms. St. Clair must pay the Board's costs and expenses.

A Petition for Discipline was filed against Ms. St. Clair concerning multiple complaints of misconduct. Prior to the final hearing, Ms. St. Clair entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting that on April 10, 2017, she was arrested for a schedule II drug violation in a drug free school zone. Ms. St. Clair entered a plea to amended lesser charges, received judicial diversion, and a suspended sentence of eleven (11) months and 29 days. During the period of her arrest and subsequent drug treatment, Ms. St. Clair failed to communicate with her clients, failed to provide diligent legal services, and abandoned their cases. Ms. St. Clair has made restitution to two clients and has agreed to make restitution to a third client.

Ms. St. Clair has admitted violating Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communications; 1.5, Fees; 1.15, Safekeeping Property; and 8.4(a),(b), and (d), Misconduct.

Ms. St. Clair must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.