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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: PATRICIA STOLINSKY GRAVES, BPR #26617**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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June 21, 2017

**WILSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On June 21, 2017, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Patricia Stolinsky Graves from the practice of law for five (5) years pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2. Ms. Graves must pay restitution to seventeen former clients as a condition of reinstatement to the practice of law. Ms. Graves must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days.

On November 16, 2015, the Board filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Graves. On February 23, 2016, the Board filed a Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Ms. Graves. On October 3, 2016, the Board filed a Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Ms. Graves. Ms. Graves entered a Conditional Guilty Plea which included six additional investigative files admitting her misconduct.

The allegations in the Petitions for Discipline and the six (6) investigative files include overdrafts of Respondent's IOLTA account and failure to maintain proper records of the IOLTA account, lack of competence, diligence and communication, excessive fees, improper termination, failure to expedite litigation, lack of candor toward a tribunal, unauthorized practice of law, dishonesty, conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, and failure to comply with court orders.

Ms. Graves' misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2, Scope of Representation; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5, Fees; 1.15, Safekeeping Property; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 3.3, Candor Toward the Tribunal; 3.4, Fairness to Opposing Party; 5.5, Unauthorized Practice of Law; 8.1, Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4, Misconduct.

Ms. Graves must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities suspended attorneys.

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AT NASHVILLE

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**IN RE: PATRICIA STOLINSKY GRAVES, BPR #26617**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Wilson County)

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**No. M2017-01203-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2015-2508-4-AJ

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Patricia Stolinsky Graves on November 16, 2015; upon Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed on January 4, 2016; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on February 23, 2016; upon Answer to Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on April 6, 2016; upon a Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on October 3, 2016; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Ms. Graves on April 21, 2017; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on May 15, 2017; and upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 9, 2017.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order as the Court's Order.

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

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, Patricia Stolinsky Graves is suspended from the practice of law for five (5) years.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Ms. Graves shall make restitution to the following individuals and shall furnish to the Board of Professional Responsibility proof of restitution. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Ms. Graves shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount:

- (a) Ms. Ashley Pippin in the amount of \$2,200.00.
- (b) Ms. Olivia Denise Husley in the amount of \$2,100.00.
- (c) Chip and Jennie Caston in the amount of \$2,500.00.
- (d) Mr. Kevin Haines in the amount of \$2,800.00.
- (e) Ms. Jennifer McFarland in the amount of \$2,500.00.

- (f) Mr. James Rowe in the amount of \$3,200.00.
- (g) Mr. Barry Nixon in the amount of \$3,500.00.
- (h) Ms. Traci Juhnke in the amount of \$2,900.00.
- (i) Mr. Tommy Morgan in the amount of \$1,150.00.
- (j) Mr. Richard Walden in the amount of \$1,400.00.
- (k) Ms. L. Michelle Morgan in the amount of \$1,000.00.
- (l) Ms. Linda Degler in the amount of \$3,250.00.
- (m) Ms. Jenni Lynn Clark in the amount of \$1,500.00.
- (n) Mr. David McWilliams in the amount of \$2,500.00.
- (o) Ms. Gina Pond in the amount of \$7,500.00.
- (p) Ms. Kristi Rector in the amount of \$2,500.00.
- (q) Ms. Michelle Owings in the amount of \$2,600.00.

(3) Ms. Graves shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(4) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Ms. Graves must meet all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective immediately.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Graves shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,204.89 and 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.

(7) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM