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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOANNA TEMPLE, BPR #26096**  
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**SAINT SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On June 27, 2016, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Joanna Temple from the practice of law for four (4) years, retroactive to the date of her summary suspension on April 28, 2016. Ms. Temple is also ordered to pay the costs of this proceeding to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Ms. Temple is licensed in Georgia and Tennessee. On December 17, 2015, Ms. Temple pleaded guilty in New York to Attempted Criminal Usury, 2nd Degree, a misdemeanor. She was placed on conditional discharge for one year. Ms. Temple served as lead counsel for several payday lending companies. She has admitted that she, along with others, instructed and assisted the companies to violate state lending laws, including the New York criminal usury statutes.

Ms. Temple must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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