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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOANNA TEMPLE, BPR #26096
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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June 27, 2016

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.

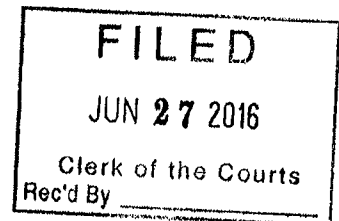
Ms. Temple must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JOANNA TEMPLE, BPR #26096
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Saint Simons Island, Georgia)

No. M2015-01280-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2016-2577-0-KH(22.3)



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Final Discipline filed against Joanna Temple on April 29, 2016; upon Response to Petition for Discipline filed by Ms. Temple on May 13, 2016; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Ms. Temple on June 6, 2016; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on June 7, 2016; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 10, 2016; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

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

(1) Joanna Temple is suspended from the practice of law for four (4) years, retroactive to the date of summary suspension, April 28, 2016, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2 (2014).

(2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Ms. Temple 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.

(3) Additionally, Ms. Temple shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1 (2014), this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d) (2014), Ms. Temple shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$96.67 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.

(6) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11 (2014).

PER CURIAM