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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: REBECCA C. (VERNETTI) KAMAN, BPR #22870
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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August 13, 2015

KNOX COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On August 11, 2015, Rebecca C. (Verneti) Kaman, formerly of Knoxville, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for one (1) year to be served consecutive to a three (3) year suspension entered on March 21, 2014, and ordered to pay restitution to two former clients. Ms. Kaman is required to pay the Board's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement. The Supreme Court's Order is effective upon entry.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on May 21, 2014, and a Supplemental Petition for Discipline was filed on November 14, 2014, containing four (4) separate complaints of misconduct. In the complaints, Ms. Kaman failed to reasonably communicate with her clients; filed initial pleadings in the wrong court resulting in sanctions being imposed upon her client; failed to refile the Petition in Circuit Court as she represented would be done; failed to refund any fees or provide an accounting; failed to serve a complaint and, thereafter, failed to respond to an Order to Show Cause or inform her client of the pending Order. Ms. Kaman filed a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal Without Prejudice without authority from her client and misrepresented the case was pending. Ms. Kaman also failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

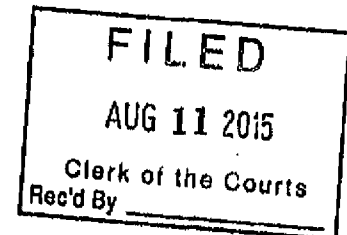
Ms. Kaman entered a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting she violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16 (terminating representation), 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters) and 8.4 (misconduct).

Ms. Kaman must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: REBECCA C. (VERNETTI) KAMAN, BPR #22870
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M2015-01460-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2014-2321-2-AW



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Rebecca C. Vernetti (now Rebecca C. Kaman) on May 21, 2014; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed November 14, 2014; upon Respondent's Answer to Petition for Discipline filed November 21, 2014; upon the Answer to Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed November 21, 2014; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Ms. Kaman on June 26, 2015; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on July 10, 2015; upon consideration and approval by the Board on July 9, 2015; 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) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2 (2014), Rebecca C. Kaman is suspended for one (1) year to be served consecutive to the suspension entered March 21, 2014.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7 (2014), and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Ms. Kaman 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. Kaman shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount:

- (a) Stephanie Sherlock - \$350.00
- (b) John and Kathy Jo Strader - \$750.00

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Ms. Kaman 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.

(4) Additionally, Ms. Kaman 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.

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

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d) (2014), Ms. Kaman shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$607.31 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. § 28.11 (2014).

PER CURIAM