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NASHVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On February 12, 2010, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Stephanie Janet Williams, of Nashville, Tennessee, for a period of one (1) year with all time to be served on probation under the appointment of a practice monitor. Ms. Williams neglected a client's case and failed to keep the client informed.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed formal disciplinary charges against Ms. Williams on August 13, 2009. Ms. Williams entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea which was approved by the Hearing Panel, the Board of Professional Responsibility and the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Ms. Williams' actions violate the following Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 3.2 (expediting litigation); and 8.4 (misconduct).

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the Courts

IN RE: STEPHANIE JANET WILLIAMS, BPR # 023380
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

NO. MS2010-00348-SC-BPO-BP

BOPR NO. 2009-1833-5-SG

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court on a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility against the Respondent; upon Respondent's Response to the Petition; Respondent's Conditional Guilty Plea; upon the Hearing Panel Order filed January 4, 2010; and the Board's approval of the Respondent's Conditional Guilty Plea on February 4, 2010.

From all of which the Court accepts the Order of the Hearing Panel and concludes that the terms of the Respondent's Conditional Guilty Plea are appropriate. Specifically, Respondent shall be suspended for one (1) year, with all time suspended pursuant to probation with a practice monitor.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. The Respondent, Stephanie Janet Williams, shall be suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2. However, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 8.5, the imposition of the suspension will be suspended, and the Respondent placed on probation for a period of one (1) year upon her compliance with the following conditions.

a. Respondent shall obtain a practice monitor, approved by disciplinary counsel, who will monitor Respondent's law practice for the entire probationary period.

2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$245.00, within ninety (90) days of the date of the entry of this Order, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

3. The Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

5. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark

CORNELIA A. CLARK
JUSTICE

I, _____, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.
This _____ day of Feb., 2010
CLERK OF COURT

By: _____ D.C.