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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CANDACE LENETTE WILLIAMSON, BPR #028933**  
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**TENNESSEE LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On July 20, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Candace Lenette Williamson of Southaven, Mississippi, from the practice of law for two (2) years, retroactive to the date of her temporary suspension of December 21, 2018, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2(b). One (1) year shall be served as an active suspension followed by one (1) year of probation pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 14.1. Ms. Williamson must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days.

On April 8, 2020, the Board filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Williamson. The Petition included four complaints of misconduct and one self-report of misconduct. The Hearing Panel found that Ms. Williamson failed to adequately communicate with her clients, did not provide competent and diligent representation, engaged in the unauthorized practice of law, and failed to advise opposing counsel, her clients, and the court that she had been temporarily suspended from the practice of law. In mitigation, Ms. Williamson was undergoing significant personal problems that she is now addressing.

Ms. Williamson's misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.1 (competence); 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.16(d) (terminating representation); 3.2 (expediting litigation); 3.3 (candor toward the tribunal); 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law); 8.1 (bar and disciplinary matters) and 8.4 (a) and (g) (misconduct).

Ms. Williamson shall comply in all aspects with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.