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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CANDACE LENETTE WILLIAMSON, BPR #028933**  
**CONTACT: ALAN D. JOHNSON**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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July 20, 2020

**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.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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**IN RE: CANDACE LENETTE WILLIAMSON BPR #028933**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Southaven, MS)

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**No. M2020-00910-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2019-2988-9-AJ

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Attorney Candace Lenette Williamson on April 8, 2019; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Charges in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed on November 5, 2019; upon an Order for Default Judgment entered on December 2, 2019; upon final hearing held on January 22, 2020; upon Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered on February 21, 2020; upon service of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Panel on Ms. Williamson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on February 21, 2020; upon Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered on February 21, 2020; upon service of the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs upon Ms. Williamson on February 21, 2020; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 13, 2020; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

On December 21, 2018, Ms. Williamson was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (Case No. M2018-02255-SC-BAR-BP). Ms. Williamson has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order as the Court's Order.

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

- (1) Ms. Williamson is suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years, retroactive to the date of her December 21, 2018, temporary suspension pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2(b). One (1) year shall be served as an active suspension followed by one (1) year of probation, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.1, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Ms. Williamson shall engage a practice monitor at her own expense who shall meet with her on a monthly basis to review basic office procedures such as the scheduling and maintenance of case deadlines and the use of written communication and fee agreements. The practice monitor shall send monthly reports of these meetings to the Board. Ms. Williamson shall select three potential practice monitors and submit the names to the Board for final approval of a practice monitor.
- (b) Ms. Williamson shall contact TLAP and, if recommended by TLAP, enter into a Monitoring Agreement as defined in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 33, Appendix A. Should Ms. Williamson enter into a Monitoring Agreement, such agreement shall authorize Permitted Disclosures to the Board of Professional Responsibility as defined in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 33, Appendix A and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 33.07.
- (2) Ms. Williamson shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.
- (3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Ms. Williamson 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) Further, the Order of Temporary Suspension, entered December 21, 2018, in Case No. M2018-02255-SC-BAR-BP, is hereby dissolved.
- (5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective immediately.
- (6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3, Ms. Williamson shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,154.00 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. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM