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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 15, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Barbara Morris Zoccola from the practice of law until further orders of the Court pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 22.3. Ms. Zoccola was suspended based upon her guilty plea for Theft of Public Money, Property, or Thing of Value in the matter of *United States of America v. Barbara Zoccola*, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee. During her employment with the United States Department of Justice as an Assistant United States Attorney, Ms. Zoccola misreported and falsely certified her time and attendance records. By doing so, Ms. Zoccola accrued leave time to which she was not entitled. The Supreme Court's Order is effective immediately.

Pursuant to the Order of the Supreme Court, the matter has been referred to the Board to institute formal proceedings to determine the extent of the final discipline to be imposed upon Ms. Zoccola as a result of her conviction of a serious crime.

Ms. Zoccola must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.