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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: BARBARA MORRIS ZOCCOLA, BPR #013020
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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April 20, 2020

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On April 20, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Barbara Morris Zoccola from the practice of law for a period of two (2) months retroactive to her suspension on January 15, 2020, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 22.3, and requiring Ms. Zoccola to pay the Board all costs of the disciplinary proceeding.

Ms. Zoccola pled guilty to the misdemeanor charge of Theft of Public Money, Property, or Thing of Value (18 USC §641), in the matter of *United States of America v. Barbara Morris Zoccola*, Case Number: 19-20282-WLC and was sentenced to one (1) year probation and ordered to pay restitution and a fine.

Ms. Zoccola entered a conditional guilty plea and admitted her misconduct violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 (misconduct).

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

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AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: BARBARA MORRIS ZOCCOLA, BPR #013020

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2020-00078-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2020-3061-9-TL-22.3

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Final Discipline filed against Barbara Morris Zoccola on January 21, 2020; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Ms. Zoccola on March 25, 2020; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered March 14, 2020; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea by the Executive Secretary of the Board on March 15, 2020; upon consideration and approval of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea by the Board on April 15, 2020; 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) Barbara Morris Zoccola is suspended from the practice of law for a period of two (2) months retroactive to January 15, 2020, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §12.2.
- (2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Ms. Zoccola must have met 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.

- (3) Additionally, Ms. Zoccola 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.
- (4) The temporary suspension entered in this matter by the Court on January 15, 2020, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3 is hereby dissolved.
- (5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Zoccola shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$394.00 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.
- (6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (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