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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ANGELA JOY HOPSON, BPR #22500
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MADISON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On April 7, 2014, the law license of Angela Joy Hopson, of Jackson, Tennessee, was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for one (1) year. The imposition of the sanction was suspended, and Ms. Hopson was placed on probation for one year. Ms. Hopson was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,760.00 and engage the services of a practice monitor. During her period of probation, Ms. Hopson may not incur any new complaints of misconduct that result in a recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on August 22, 2013, alleging lack of diligence, lack of communication, unreasonable fees, improper termination of representation and misconduct. Ms. Hobson was retained to represent clients in the adoption of a minor child. After determining the child's parents would not consent to the adoption, Ms. Hobson failed to timely prepare the required Petition to Terminate Parental Rights and did not properly communicate with her clients. After the clients retained a new attorney, Ms. Hopson delayed the transfer of the client's file and failed to promptly refund the fee they paid to her. Ms. Hopson entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting she violated Rules of Professional Responsibility 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.5 (fees); 1.16 (declining or terminating representation); and 8.4 (misconduct).

Ms. Hopson must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys. Ms. Hopson must pay the Board's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Supreme Court Order of Enforcement.

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