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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CARA GRUSZECKI-SMALLEY, BPR# 23660**  
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August 13, 2009

**SHELBYVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On July 30, 2009, Cara Gruszecki-Smalley formerly of Shelbyville, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court, pursuant to a Conditional Guilty Plea, for neglecting a client's case and making misrepresentations to the client and to the Court. Ms. Gruszecki-Smalley's suspension for her actions is one (1) year, retroactive to March 31, 2008, with six (6) months actual suspension and the remaining six (6) months suspended, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Ms. Gruszecki-Smalley's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (lack of Diligence); 1.4 (Communication), and 3.3 (false statements to a tribunal).

Ms. Gruszecki-Smalley was furthered ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against her, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.7, of the Rules of the Supreme Court and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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