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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**IN RE: GLORIA JEAN BROWN, BPR #17902**  
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**LAW LICENSE OF KNOXVILLE ATTORNEY SUSPENDED**

On January 26, 2005, the law license of Gloria Jean Brown, a Knoxville attorney, was suspended for one year. After one year, Ms. Brown's law license will not be automatically reinstated. To be reinstated, Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, requires that Ms. Brown prove by clear and convincing evidence that she is capable of returning to the practice of law and that her reinstatement would not harm the public or the administration of justice.

The suspension is based on two petitions for discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court. Ms. Brown did not file an answer to either petition and a default judgment was granted.

Ms. Brown was retained to represent Rita Ellis in a criminal matter. She neglected her case and failed to adequately communicate with her. She was cited in contempt by the Anderson County Chancery Court for her failure to appear at a hearing in said court. She also failed to appear on behalf of her client, Patricia Lynn Smith, in Loudon County General Sessions Court. In several cases, the courts and opposing counsel were unable to contact Ms. Brown. Letters were returned or unanswered. Similarly she did return her phone calls.

Ms. Brown was also guilty of other allegations which were not charges of neglect. She filed a frivolous action against employees of the Domestic Violence Crisis Center in Lenoir City. Ms. Brown further acted in a bizarre manner by cursing and/or screaming at opposing counsel and staff of the Disciplinary Counsel. Her license was suspended for her failure to obtain sufficient continuing legal education hours, but she continued to practice law.

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