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FORMER KNOXVILLE ATTORNEY REINSTATED AND RE-SUSPENDED

Several years ago, upon petition by James S. Evans who last practiced law in Knoxville, the Supreme Court transferred his law license to Disability Inactive Status. (Mr. Evans now resides in Florida.) Pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, this transfer prevented any prosecution of complaints against Mr. Evans until his law license was reinstated.

On August 25, 2006, Mr. Evans filed a petition for reinstatement of his law license. A hearing before a hearing panel was held and the hearing panel recommended that Mr. Evans' law license be transferred from Disability Inactive Status, subject to certain conditions. The Supreme Court approved this decision on April 3, 2008.

Both the Hearing Panel's recommendation and the Supreme Court's order required that Mr. Evan's law license be suspended for five (5) years upon the transfer of his law license to active status. The Panel and the Court agreed to allow the suspension to be retroactive to the date when his law license was transferred to Disability Inactive Status (July 8, 1997). This suspension involved charges of illegal drugs and thefts of client monies. Mr. Evans agreed to this five year suspension.

Mr. Evans cannot be reinstated from the disciplinary suspension until he has another hearing, in which he has the burden of proving that his law license be reinstated from the disciplinary suspension. The Court required that in order for Mr. Evans to return to the practice of law, he must successfully complete either the Florida bar examination or the written portion of the Tennessee bar examination. Upon reinstatement from the disciplinary suspension, he is also required to be monitored by a supervising attorney.

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