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LAW LICENSE OF NASHVILLE ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On April 17, 2008, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order suspending the law license of Merrilyn Feirman for a period of two years retroactive to Feirman's temporary suspension on January 10, 2006.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Feirman for Feirman's neglect, failure to keep a client informed and failure to respond to a client's request for information. The Board subsequently filed a Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Feirman for failing to communicate with a client and failing to respond to the Board. A Hearing Panel recommended that Feirman receive a two-year suspension retroactive to Feirman's temporary suspension on January 10, 2006. The Supreme Court approved the Hearing Panel's recommendation and suspended Feirman for two years retroactive to Feirman's temporary suspension on January 10, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, Feirman was required at the time of her temporary suspension on January 10, 2006, to notify by registered and certified mail all clients and all co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending her. Section 18 also required Feirman to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they were entitled.

This disciplinary matter was held pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 8 and 9. In Tennessee, suspended lawyers may, after the passage of their suspension, apply for reinstatement of their law licenses. To be reinstated, lawyers must carry their burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence and show that the reinstatement will not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the Bar or the administration of justice or subversive to the public interest.

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