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LAW LICENSE OF NASHVILLE ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On April 11, 2008, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order suspending the law license of Rodney M. Phelps for a period of four (4) years.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition to Revoke Probation against Phelps pursuant to Section 8.5 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court. Phelps submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea agreeing to a four (4) year suspension for Phelps' violation of probation, which had been previously imposed by the Supreme Court's Order, filed December 21, 2006.

Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, requires Phelps to notify by registered and certified mail all clients he represents in pending matters; all co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending him. Section 18 also requires Phelps to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are 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 administration of justice or subversive to the public interest.

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