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LAWYER REINSTATED TO PRACTICE OF LAW BY SUPREME COURT

By Order of the Supreme Court entered July 1, 2003, Louis W. Ringger, Jr., was reinstated to the practice of law, under conditions that: 1) he strictly comply with the obligations of his five-year contract with the Tennessee Lawyer Assistance Program (TLAP) executed November 6, 2002; 2) an attorney approved by the Board of Professional Responsibility (BPR) monitor Mr. Ringger's law practice for a period of two years, and make monthly reports to the BPR; 3) an attorney monitor Mr. Ringger's trust account for a period of two years and make monthly reports to the BPR; 4) Mr. Ringger continue to attend group therapy sessions, once a week, for as long as required by his TLAP contract, but in no event for less than one year; and 5) Mr. Ringger immediately apply for legal professional liability insurance, continue to apply promptly until an application is accepted and purchase and maintain such insurance unless he establishes that amount of the premium for such insurance would work a severe financial hardship. By Order of the Supreme Court entered October 2, 2002, Mr. Ringger had been suspended for eighteen months, retroactive to May 8, 2001, when he had been temporarily suspended. Mr. Ringger filed a Petition for Reinstatement on November 25, 2002. On April 10, 2003, a Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility conducted a hearing on the Petition for Reinstatement. The Hearing Panel concluded that Mr. Ringger had carried his burden of proving the requirements for reinstatement by clear and convincing evidence and recommended that Mr. Ringger's license to practice be reinstated upon the conditions stated above. Mr. Ringger was also ordered to reimburse the Board of Professional Responsibility and the Supreme Court the costs and expenses of the proceeding as a condition to reinstatement.