

RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JACK McNEIL, BPR #8821
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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MEMPHIS ATTORNEY SUSPENDED FROM PRACTICE OF LAW

Jack McNeil, a Memphis attorney, was suspended from the practice of law in this state for a period of eleven months twenty-nine days ending on March 30, 1999, and a concurrent suspension of indefinite duration until the conditions imposed by the judgment are fulfilled. His suspension by the Tennessee Supreme Court by Order entered February 5, 1999, resulted from his conviction in a case involving a serious crime: intentionally or knowingly causing physical contact with another and a reasonable person would regard the contact as extremely offensive or provocative.

McNeil had pled guilty in a bench trial with the plea being entered February 5, 1998. McNeil was summarily suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court and referred to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of formal proceedings in which the sole issue to be determined would be the extent of final discipline to be imposed as a result of the conviction by the guilty plea.

The Hearing Committee found McNeil's actions resulting in the guilty verdict constituted violations of DR 1-102(A)(1)(3)(4)(5)(6) and found that a suspension of eleven months twenty nine days and an indefinite suspension until certain conditions are fulfilled was the appropriate sanction. The conditions are that McNeil must be evaluated as soon as possible by an independent qualified psychiatrist selected by mutual agreement of the parties; McNeil must comply with any and all treatment and any evaluation recommended by the physician and submit appropriate certification and proof thereof; and McNeil must earn three hours worth of continuing legal education ethics credit in addition to the regular requirement of taking a course which includes material on discrimination and sexual harassment and furnish appropriate certification and proof thereof.

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