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TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT ISSUES SUSPENSION ORDER
RELATIVE TO A FORMER KNOX COUNTY ATTORNEY

On March 12, 2003, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an order relative to former attorney John Mark Hancock, of Knox County. Mr. Hancock had previously received a suspension of three years, seven months and ten days, which commenced on May 21, 1992. He has never applied for reinstatement in regards to this suspension. On March 12 the Supreme Court ordered that Mr. Hancock receive a five-year suspension. The Court ordered that this five-year suspension commence on May 21, 1992.

Mr. Hancock cannot be reinstated to the practice of law until he has proven to a hearing committee of the Board of Professional Responsibility by clear and convincing evidence that he has the moral qualifications, competency, and learning in law to justify his return and that his resumption of the practice of law would not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or the administration of justice or subversive to the public interest.

This suspension resulted from Mr. Hancock, during his earlier suspension, engaging in activities that gave the appearance that he still maintained an active law license in Tennessee.

This suspension arose from an agreement between Mr. Hancock's counsel and Disciplinary Counsel. This agreement was approved by the Board of Professional Responsibility and the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

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