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**RE: TIMOTHY JOEL WILLIAMS, BPR 10159**  
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**MEMPHIS LAWYER REINSTATED**

Timothy Joel Williams, of Memphis, was reinstated to the practice of law by Tennessee Supreme Court Order filed October 3, 2001. Williams had been suspended for the past 15 months, after the Supreme Court immediately suspended him from the practice on July 17, 2000 due to his May, 2000 conviction of 4<sup>th</sup> offense DUI, a serious crime under Tennessee Supreme Court rules.

The Board filed its petition to determine final discipline on September, 2000, and the Hearing Panel assigned to the matter concluded in its August 31, 2001 Judgment that Williams should be suspended from the active practice of law for a period of eleven months, twenty-nine days retroactive to July 17, 2000, and for an indefinite period until he complied with specific conditions. These conditions were for Williams to: (i) demonstrate a consistent and unbroken period of sobriety since his incarceration and release in February, 2001; (ii) complete all required continuing legal education through year-end 2000; to pay all of his Criminal Court costs and fines and be in compliance with his Criminal Court probation; and (iii) remain in treatment with his psychiatrist and/or psychologist as recommended, and to enter into and comply with a contract for peer assistance sponsored by the Tennessee Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP).

The panel found in its Judgment that Williams had complied with these specific conditions and recommended that the Supreme Court reinstate him to the practice of law, with his law license remaining on probation with the Supreme Court until August 31, 2003. The Board and the Tennessee Supreme Court approved the Hearing Panel's recommendations.

During his probationary period, Williams is required to remain free of alcohol and all illicit drugs, and to comply fully with his psychological and/or psychiatric treatment and with his TLAP contract. He must also ensure that Disciplinary Counsel receives quarterly progress reports from TLAP and from his treating psychologist and/or psychiatrist, and random urine screen results from the Justice Network. Finally, Williams must have a Memphis attorney serve as a law office practice assistance monitor for one year after his reinstatement to assist him in adjusting with his re-entry into the practice of law.

The Tennessee Supreme Court also ordered Williams to pay the Board's costs in the matter as a condition of his probation.

