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CAPE VERDE LAWYER REINSTATED

William L. Embry, of Sal-Rei Boa Vista, Republic of Cape Verde in West Africa, has been reinstated to the practice of law by Tennessee Supreme Court Order filed January 15, 2002.

Embry, formerly of Memphis, had been immediately suspended from the practice by the Tennessee Supreme Court due to the Shelby County Circuit Court's finding in a January 25, 2000 order that Embry had willfully and intentionally failed to pay his child support obligation while at all times having the ability to pay. This suspension was entered pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 31, which requires the immediate suspension of a lawyer's license to practice where the lawyer willfully refuses to comply with the terms of a court order to which the lawyer is a party, upon presentation of a certified copy of such order.

On December 20, 2001, the Shelby County Circuit Court entered an order vacating the January 25, 2000 order in its entirety. Disciplinary Counsel and Mr. Embry agreed that this latest action of the Circuit Court warranted the immediate reinstatement of his law license. The Tennessee Supreme Court accepted this recommendation and specifically allowed the Board to seek reimposition of the immediate suspension should future developments warrant requesting such relief.

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