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SUPREME COURT ISSUES ORDER ON NASHVILLE LAWYER'S REINSTATEMENT PETITON

Neil McAlpin, Jr., a Nashville lawyer, was suspended from the practice of law in 1991 for one year and until reinstated by the Supreme Court after a hearing. McAlpin did not petition the Court for reinstatement until 2002.

The petition was heard by a hearing panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility. The hearing panel recommended that McAlpin be reinstated only after passing the state bar examination and payment of costs. The hearing panel held that the petitioner had not proved by clear and convincing evidence that he has the competency and learning in law required for admission to the bar. Neither party appealed the judgment of the hearing panel.

The Supreme Court ordered on November 2, 2004, that the petition for reinstatement be taken under advisement pending evidence that petitioner has passed the essay and multi-state portions of the state bar examination and paid the costs of the proceeding. The Supreme Court will allow the petitioner to request reconsideration upon completion of the conditions for reinstatement. McAlpin shall remain suspended from the practice of law until further order of the Court.

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