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LAW LICENSE OF KNOXVILLE ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On October 2, 2002, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an order suspending the law license of Andrew Craig Troutman, who practices law in Knoxville, for two months. The suspension was held to be retroactive to May 2000 through June 2000. Since the suspension was held to be retroactive the Court construed Mr. Troutman to have "served" his suspension. Therefore he can now practice law.

Prior to December 21, 1999, Mr. Troutman was employed at the firm of O'Neil, Parker, & Williams. There he was assigned the defense of asbestos lawsuits. In this regard he maintained a special trust account. Respondent settled several cases without the consent of his client and paid the costs of the settlement out of his own pocket. There is no indication that his client lost any money.

This suspension was issued pursuant to Rules 8 and 9, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, the ethics rules that govern attorneys. The suspension itself was issued pursuant to a settlement agreement approved by a Board hearing committee, the Board of Professional Responsibility, and the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

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