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**NASHVILLE LAWYER REINSTATED**

D. Michael Van Sant, a Nashville lawyer, has been reinstated to the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered on October 12, 2004. Mr. Van Sant was temporarily suspended from the practice of law on January 14, 2004, for failing to respond to a complaint of misconduct. He subsequently filed an answer to the complaint and a hearing panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility recommended that the suspension be dissolved. The order requires Mr. Van Sant to have a law practice management consultation, at his expense, within six months of the date of the order.

The extreme sanction of temporary suspension is imposed only after a lawyer has failed to respond to a number of inquiries from disciplinary counsel concerning a complaint or complaints of ethical misconduct. The order dissolving the temporary suspension was effective upon entry on October 12, 2004.

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