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ARIZONA ATTORNEY RECIPROCALLY SUSPENDED IN TENNESSEE

On June 10, 2004, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Gordon M. Wasson from the practice of law in the State of Tennessee, which suspension shall remain in effect pending all proceedings against Gordon M. Wasson by the State Bar of Arizona.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a petition for imposition of reciprocal discipline based upon the fact that Gordon M. Wasson was suspended by the State Bar of Arizona having been convicted of aggravated driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, a Class (4) felony.

The Tennessee Supreme Court ordered that Gordon M. Wasson be suspended from the practice of law in the State of Tennessee, which suspension shall remain in effect pending all proceedings against Gordon M. Wasson by the State Bar of Arizona. The Supreme Court further ordered that Wasson was prohibited from practicing law in Tennessee, holding himself out as an attorney-at-law, performing any legal services for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services, appearing as counsel or in any representative capacity in any proceeding in any Tennessee court or before any administrative body or holding himself out to others or using his name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney-at-law", "attorney", "counselor at law", or "lawyer".

The Court further ordered that Wasson shall immediately notify each of his current clients, opposing counsel, and all co-counsel in writing of this suspension. In addition to such notification Wasson was ordered to return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to clients and former clients in the respondent's possession to the respective clients or former clients or to another attorney at the clients' or former clients' request. Wasson was ordered to file with the Board of Professional Responsibility within ten (10) days of the date of this Judgment an affidavit showing compliance with provisions of the order and with the rules,

all other state, federal and administrative jurisdictions to which the lawyer is admitted to practice; place of residence and all addresses where communications may be thereafter directed; and service of a copy of the affidavit upon Disciplinary Counsel which shall include proof of compliance with Section 18.1 of this Rule.

Finally the Court ordered that Wasson shall be taxed with the costs, for which execution may issue if necessary.

Wasson's suspension shall remain in effect until further order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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